

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

**REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER
PURSUANT TO RULE 13A-16 OR 15D-16 UNDER THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Dated July 11, 2016

Commission File Number 001-36421

AURINIA PHARMACEUTICALS INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

N/A

(Translation of Registrant's Name)

#1203-4464 Markham Street
Victoria, British Columbia
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(Address and telephone number of registrant's principle executive offices)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F:

Form 20-F Form 40-F

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Indicate by check mark whether by furnishing the information contained in this Form, the registrant is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes No

If "Yes" is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b): Not applicable.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Dated: July 11, 2016

Aurinia Pharmaceuticals Inc.

By: /s/ Dennis Bourgeault

Name: Dennis Bourgeault

Title: Chief Financial Officer

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Exhibit

Description of Exhibit

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News Release – Aurinia Announces Appointment of Head of Communications & Advocacy

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VICTORIA, British Columbia--(BUSINESS WIRE)--July 11, 2016--Aurinia Pharmaceuticals Inc. (NASDAQ:AUPH / TSX:AUP) ("Aurinia" or the "Company"), a clinical stage pharmaceutical company focused on the global nephrology market, today announced that it has appointed Celia Economides to the newly created position of Associate Vice President, Corporate Communications & Patient Advocacy.

Ms. Economides will lead the company's corporate communications, patient advocacy and investor relations efforts.

Ms. Economides has over 15 years of experience in the life sciences and biotech industries, spanning communications, finance, patient advocacy, marketing and clinical development. She most recently served as a Director in Global Medical Affairs at BioMarin Pharmaceutical, Inc., where she led both patient advocacy and competitive intelligence efforts focusing on Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. Previously, she led IR & Corporate Communications at Prosensa, which was acquired by BioMarin in January 2015. Prior to joining Prosensa, Ms. Economides was Director of IR & Program Development at the Biotechnology Innovation Organization (BIO), where she was responsible for BIO's outreach to the investment community and working with emerging companies to improve their communications and partnering activities. She led the program development at BIO's annual investor and BD conferences and provided industry research used in BIO's policy and advocacy activities. Prior to BIO, Ms. Economides worked at a healthcare focused hedge fund and in financial services focusing on the biotech sector. She began her career working in research at Columbia University. She holds a Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree from McGill University and a Master's in Public Health (MPH) from Columbia University.

"We welcome Celia as an instrumental addition to our team," said Charles Rowland, Aurinia's CEO. "Celia's depth and breadth of experience in the biotech industry will support the company significantly as we continue our efforts to advance voclosporin and deliver it to patients globally while building value for our shareholders."

"I am pleased to join Aurinia at such a significant moment for the company and look forward to working alongside a world-class team with exceptional leadership in bringing treatments to patients in need," said Celia Economides. "It is an honor to be able to share my experience and contribute to the future direction and growth of a company working so diligently to help patients suffering from serious and potentially life-threatening conditions."

About Aurinia

Aurinia is a clinical stage pharmaceutical company focused on the global nephrology market. The fully-enrolled Phase 2b AURA-LV clinical trial is evaluating the efficacy of its lead drug, voclosporin, as a treatment for active LN. LN is an inflammation of the kidneys, that if inadequately treated can lead to end-stage renal disease, making LN a serious and potentially life-threatening condition.

We seek Safe Harbor.

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