

Celsion CORP
Form 8-K
February 19, 2009

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): February 18, 2009

Celsion Corporation

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

000-14242
(Commission File Number)

52-1256615
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

10220-L Old Columbia Road, Columbia, Maryland
(Address of principal executive office)

21046-2364
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(410) 290-5390**

N/A

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(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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 - ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.135-4(c))
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Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On February 18, 2009, Celsion Corporation (the Company) and Michael H. Tardugno, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, entered into a new employment agreement (the Agreement), effective March 1, 2009 (the Effective Date), which supercedes Mr. Tardugno's previous employment agreement with the Company. Subject to earlier termination pursuant to the terms of the Agreement, the term of the Agreement is for an initial period of three (3) years with automatic one (1) year renewals thereafter, unless either party provides a notice of non-renewal. The following summary of the terms of the Agreement is qualified in its entirety by the actual terms and conditions of the Agreement, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 10.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

Pursuant to the Agreement, Mr. Tardugno will receive an initial annual base salary of \$360,500, subject to annual adjustment by the Board of Directors of the Company (the Board) or its Compensation Committee (the Base Salary). Mr. Tardugno is also eligible for an annual performance bonus from the Company, pursuant to the Company's management incentive bonus program, or policy or practice of the Board or its Compensation Committee, in effect from time to time. The amount of such bonus will be determined by the Board or its Compensation Committee in its sole and absolute discretion and will not exceed 70% of the then-current Base Salary except pursuant to a specific finding by the Board or its Compensation Committee that a higher percentage is appropriate. In addition, the Company agreed to grant to Mr. Tardugno, at the time of its usual annual grant to employees, annual stock options to purchase shares of the Company's common stock as the Board or its Compensation Committee shall determine.

In the event, (A) that the Company terminates the agreement other than for cause (as defined in the agreement) or (B) Mr. Tardugno terminates the agreement upon the occurrence of (i) a material adverse change in his duties or authority; (ii) a situation in which he is no longer at least one of the President or the Chief Executive Officer of the Company; (iii) a bankruptcy filing or similar action by or against the Company; or (iv) another material breach of the Agreement by the Company (each, a Triggering Event), Mr. Tardugno will be entitled to receive a severance payment equal to his base annual salary at the time of termination (the Reference Amount), payable in accordance with the Company's normal payroll practices and may exercise any vested options within one (1) year of his termination date, after which time any unexercised options shall be forfeited.

In the event of termination of his employment upon a Triggering Event within two years following a change in control (as defined in the Agreement), or, if within such two-year period (i) there is a material adverse change in his compensation or benefits, or (ii) any successor to the Company does not assume the Company's obligation under the agreement, and he terminates his employment, Mr. Tardugno is entitled to a lump sum severance payment equal to the Reference Amount, and any previously unvested options granted to Mr. Tardugno and covered by the employment agreement shall immediately vest and become and remain fully exercisable through their original terms and otherwise in accordance with their respective original terms. The agreement also provides that such severance is payable following a change in control if Mr. Tardugno elects to terminate his employment for any reason or no reason commencing with the sixth and ending with the twelfth month following the change in control.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Description
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10.1 Employment Agreement, effective March 1, 2009, between the Company and Michael H. Tardugno.

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 hereunto duly authorized.

CELSION CORPORATION

Date: February 19, 2009

By:

/s/ Sean F. Moran

Sean F. Moran

Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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