

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 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): June 8, 2018

**CV SCIENCES, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

**000-54677**

(Commission File Number)

**80-0944970**

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**2688 South Rainbow Boulevard, Suite B  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89146**

(Address of principal executive offices)

**(866) 290-2157**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the Registrant under any of the following provisions:

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a -12)

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d -2(b))

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e -4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter). Emerging Growth Company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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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 June 8, 2018, CV Sciences, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the “Company”), entered into an Employment Agreement (the “Employment Agreement”) with Michael Mona, Jr., the Company’s Founder and former President, Chief Executive Officer and member of the Board of Directors. Pursuant to the Employment Agreement and effective as of May 31, 2018, Mr. Mona, as “Founder Emeritus”, will report to the Chief Executive Officer of the Company and have responsibility to manage the Company’s relationships with suppliers and vendors (subject to the decision-making authority of the Company’s executive officers), and perform such other duties assigned to him by the Board of Directors or Chief Executive Officer of the Company.

*Salary, Bonus Compensation and Severance.* The Employment Agreement has a three (3)-year term. During the term of the Agreement Mr. Mona’s base salary shall be determined by the Board of Directors, based upon the recommendation submitted to the Compensation Committee by the Company’s Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Mona’s initial base salary will continue at the current rate of \$400,000. In addition to his base salary, Mr. Mona will continue to receive the benefits and other perquisites in place pursuant to his prior Employment Agreement with the Company, including a monthly car allowance in the amount of \$1,500. Mr. Mona’s prior Employment Agreement, entered into by and between the Company and Mr. Mona on July 6, 2016 (the “2016 Employment Agreement”), is more fully described in that certain Current Report on Form 8-K filed by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) on July 11, 2016. Mr. Mona is eligible to receive an annual cash performance bonus upon achievement by the Company of certain goals set forth by the Compensation Committee, and in any event in the discretion of the Board after taking into consideration the recommendation of the Chief Executive Officer, performance of the Company, and the financial condition of the Company. The targeted amount of the annual bonus shall be 50% percent of Mr. Mona’s then effective base salary; provided, however, that the payment and amount of any annual bonus shall be in the sole discretion of the Board.

In addition to the performance bonus described above, pursuant to the Employment Agreement Mr. Mona continues to be eligible to receive all monetary bonus and severance arrangements set forth in the 2016 Employment Agreement and the Amendment to the 2016 Employment Agreement, dated March 16, 2017 (the “Amendment”). The terms of the Amendment are more fully described in the Company’s Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on March 22, 2017 and the Amendment is filed as an exhibit to the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on March 30, 2018.

The severance arrangements for Mr. Mona are as follows: in the event of termination without “Cause” or voluntary termination for “Good Reason”, Mr. Mona shall be entitled to severance equal to his then-current base salary until the end of the employment term (June 8, 2021), or for a period of twelve (12) months, whichever is greater. In the event of the death or disability of Mr. Mona, he (or his estate) shall receive his then-current base salary for a period of one (1) year.

*Restricted Stock Units.* In connection with Mr. Mona’s retention by the Company, the Compensation Committee granted Mr. Mona 2,950,000 stock-settled restricted stock units (RSU’s) under the Company’s Amended and Restated 2013 Equity Incentive Plan. The RSU’s have a term of ten (10) years, are durational based, with 983,323 RSU’s vesting on June 8, 2019 and the remaining RSU’s vesting in twenty-four (24) equal monthly increments.

Vesting of the RSUs shall accelerate upon termination of Mr. Mona without “Cause” or voluntary termination for “Good Reason”, upon Mr. Mona’s, death or “Disability” or upon a sale of the company or change in control, including a “Disposition Event” as defined under the Agreement and Plan of Reorganization dated December 30, 2015 by and among the Company (formerly CannaVest Corp.), CANNAVEST Merger Sub, Inc., CannaVest Acquisition LLC, CanX, Inc. and The Starwood Trust (the “Purchase Agreement”). The Purchase Agreement is filed as an exhibit to the Company’s Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on January 4, 2016.

**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.

Date: June 14, 2018

**CV SCIENCES, INC.**

By: /s/ Joseph Dowling

Joseph Dowling

Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer