

Ampio Pharmaceuticals, Inc.  
Form 8-K  
March 13, 2017

**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): March 9, 2017**

**AMPIO PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in Charter)**

**Delaware**  
**(State or other jurisdiction**  
**of incorporation or organization)**

**001-35182**  
**(Commission**  
**File No.)**  
**373 Inverness Parkway, Suite 200**

**26-0179592**  
**(IRS Employer**  
**Identification No.)**

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**Englewood, Colorado 80112**

**(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)**

**(720) 437-6500**

**(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)**

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

**Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.**

The information set forth under Item 5.02 of this Current Report on Form 8-K is hereby incorporated in this Item 1.01 by reference.

**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

Amendment of Employment Agreement with Michael Macaluso

On March 9, 2017, Ampio Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (the Company ) entered into an amendment to the Employment Agreement, effective January 9, 2012, with Michael Macaluso, the Chief Executive Officer of the Company (the Amendment , and the Employment Agreement as amended, the Employment Agreement ). Under the Amendment, the term of Mr. Macaluso s Employment Agreement was extended through January 9, 2020. In addition, in connection with the Amendment, Mr. Macaluso was granted an option to purchase 400,000 shares of the Company s common stock. The option is exercisable for a period of ten years at an exercise price per share equal to \$0.81, the quoted closing price of the Company s common stock on March 9, 2017. The option vests as follows: 133,333 shares vest on each of January 9, 2018 and January 9, 2019 and 133,334 shares vest on January 9, 2020, subject to vesting acceleration provisions in accordance with the Employment Agreement.

The description of the Amendment set forth herein does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text thereof, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 10.1.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

Exhibit Number	Description
10.1	Amendment to Employment Agreement between Ampio Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and Michael Macaluso, dated March 9, 2017

**SIGNATURE**

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.

**AMPIO PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.**

By: /s/ Gregory A. Gould  
Gregory A. Gould  
*Chief Financial Officer*

Dated: March 13, 2017

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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