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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): September 1, 2016

Commission File Number 001-34581

Kraton Performance Polymers, Inc. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 20-0411521 (State or other jurisdiction of (I.R.S. Employer incorporation or organization) Identification No.)

15710 John F. Kennedy Blvd., Suite 300 Houston, TX 77032 (Address of principal executive offices, including zip code) 281-504-4700 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

Lothar F. P. Freund, Senior Vice President and Chief Technical Officer of Kraton Performance Polymers, Inc. (the "Company") and a named executive officer, is leaving the Company pursuant to the mutual agreement of Dr. Freund and the Company. Following a transition period, Dr. Freund will leave the Company in the fourth quarter of 2016. Subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions, Dr. Freund will receive the severance benefits and entitlements set forth in the Company's applicable plans and policies. Any other severance benefits, if any, will be determined by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of the Company and reported in an amendment to this Current Report.

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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.

Kraton Performance Polymers, Inc.

Date: September 1, 2016 By:/s/ Stephen E. Tremblay
Stephen E. Tremblay
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer