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**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (650) 624 - 3000**

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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.

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

On February 27, 2018, the Compensation & Talent Committee of the Board of Directors (the “Committee”) of Cytokinetics, Incorporated (the “Company”) determined that the Company met 80% of its corporate goals for 2017. This determination was based on the advancement of research development candidates into IND enabling studies; regulatory, drug product manufacturing and launch readiness preparations; achieving capital acquisition goals and financial management objectives.

Also on February 27, 2018, the Committee voted to approve salary increases, payment of a cash bonus and equity awards for the Company’s named executive officers (as defined in Item 402(a)(3) of Regulation S-K promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission) in connection with the performance of the Company and such officers for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017. The bonus payments to the named executive officers were based on the individual executive’s performance relative to his or her specified goals, the Company’s performance relative to specified corporate goals, and other factors, including each executive’s compensation relative to the Company’s peer companies. The Committee exercised discretion in determining each individual’s overall achievement level. The salary increases for our named executive officers, which are effective as of March 1, 2018, were based on a review of each officer’s respective 2017 performance relative to both the Company’s and the individual’s goals, the role each executive is expected to play in 2018, competitive salary data provided by third-party executive compensation consultants and other factors.

The 2018 base salaries, 2018 target cash bonus amounts and cash bonus payments for 2017 performance for each of our named executive officers are listed in Exhibit 10.1 attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

Additional information regarding compensation of the named executive officers, including the factors considered by the Compensation Committee in determining compensation, will be included in the Company’s proxy statement for its 2017 Annual Meeting.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

**Exhibit**

**Description**

**Number**

10.1      Compensation Information for the Company’s Named Executive Officers.



**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.

CYTOKINETICS, INC.

Dated: March 1, 2018 By: /s/ Peter S. Roddy

Name: Peter S. Roddy

Title: *Senior Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer*