

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

October 1, 2015

(Date of Report - date of earliest event reported)

Arbutus Biopharma Corporation

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

British Columbia, Canada
(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation or Organization)

001-34949
(Commission File Number)

98-0597776
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

100-8900 Glenlyon Parkway
Burnaby, British Columbia, Canada
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

V5J 5J8
(Zip Code)

(604) 419-3200
(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))
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Item 1.02. Termination of a Material Definitive Agreement.

On October 1, 2015, we received formal notification of contract termination from the U.S. Department of Defense that our contract with the Department of Defense for the development of TKM-Ebola, an RNAi therapeutic utilizing our lipid nanoparticle technology to treat Ebola virus infection, was terminated, as expected, by the Department of Defense subject to the completion of our post-termination obligations contained therein.

As disclosed on July 20, 2015, the development activities related to TKM-Ebola were suspended per mutual agreement with the Department of Defense prior to receipt of the termination notice.

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: October 1, 2015

ARBUTUS BIOPHARMA CORPORATION

By: /s/ Bruce G. Cousins
Name: Bruce G. Cousins
Title: Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer