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Kraton Performance Polymers, Inc. Form 8-K June 23, 2015

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 18, 2015

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

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

Effective June 18, 2015, Chris H. Russell, age 49, was appointed Chief Accounting Officer of Kraton Performance Polymers, Inc., in which position he will serve as the Company's principal accounting officer. Prior to joining Kraton, from 2014 to 2015, Mr. Russell served as Chief Accounting Officer for Prince International Corporation, a leading manufacturer and distributor of mineral based products. Previously, from 2011 to 2014, Mr. Russell was employed with GE Power and Water, a subsidiary of General Electric Company, as the Global Controller for its Aero Derivatives business. Before that, he served as Vice President, Financial Reporting and Technical Accounting for Intelsat, a provider of satellite communications worldwide. Mr. Russell worked with Ernst & Young LLP from 1995 to 2007. Mr. Russell earned a B.S. in accounting from the University of North Texas and is a Certified Public Accountant. Prior to Mr. Russell's joining the company, the chief accounting officer role had been performed on an interim basis by Stephen E. Tremblay, who remains our Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer.

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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: June 23, 2015

By: /s/ Stephen E. Tremblay

Stephen E. Tremblay

Chief Financial Officer