

**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): February 11, 2026

**MGP Ingredients, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Kansas**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**0-17196**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**45-4082531**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**Cray Business Plaza  
100 Commercial Street  
Box 130**

**Atchison, Kansas 66002**  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

**(913) 367-1480**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**Not Applicable**  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- ☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- ☐ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

| Title of each class        | Trading Symbol | Name of each exchange on which registered |
|----------------------------|----------------|---|
| Common Stock, no par value | MGPI           | NASDAQ Global Select Market               |

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company ☐

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. ☐

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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.**

On February 11, 2026, the Board of Directors of MGP Ingredients, Inc. (the “Company”) approved a reorganization of certain leadership positions. As a result, the employment of Erika Lapish, Chief Human Resources Officer, and Amel Pasagic, Chief Commercial Officer, will conclude on February 20, 2026. Ms. Lapish and Mr. Pasagic are each entitled to severance payments under the Company’s Executive Severance Plan, subject to compliance with the terms of the plan, including signing a release and agreeing to certain post-employment covenants.

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

(d) Exhibits

| Exhibit Number | Description   |
|----------------|---|
| 104            | The cover page from this Current Report on Form 8-K, formatted in iXBRL (Inline Extensible Business Reporting Language) |

## 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.

MGP INGREDIENTS, INC.

Date: February 13, 2026

By: /s/ Brandon M. Gall  
Brandon M. Gall, Chief Financial Officer