

**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) **April 16, 2007**

MGP Ingredients, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

KANSAS
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

0-17196
(Commission
File Number)

48-0531200
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

**1300 Main 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)

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- 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

The company has entered an employment contract with Dr. Sukh Bassi to serve as Vice President Scientific Affairs, Chief Science Officer. In this capacity Dr. Bassi, who formerly served as Vice President and Chief Science Officer, will report to the company's president and is expected to be engaged primarily in external scientific affairs for the company, such as grants procurement and representing the company in its external contacts relating to scientific matters. The term of the contract extends to June 30, 2010 and is renewable for one year thereafter at the option of the company. It provides for a base salary of \$204,800, which is subject to annual review, and bonus structured on external science issues as may from time to time be adopted by the company, if any. Dr. Bassi may also participate in the company's employee benefits in accordance with the terms of the company's respective employee benefit plans. The company is required to pay Dr. Bassi's base salary through the end of the term if it terminates him without cause or if he terminates for good reason, which is defined to mean a permanent change (as defined) in his employment location or a reduction of his base salary. The contract contains confidentiality, non-compete and non-solicitation provisions and an acknowledgment of the company's ownership of patents and patent applications based on inventions made by Dr. Bassi in the course of his employment by the company.

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

Attached as Exhibit 99.1, and incorporated into this Item 7.01 by reference, is a press release issued on April 19, 2007 by the Company.

Item 9.01. Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated April 19, 2007, furnished solely for the purpose of incorporation by reference into Item 7.01 and 9.01.

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: April 19, 2007

By: /s/ Laidacker M. Seaberg

Laidacker M. Seaberg
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NEWS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DR. SUKH BASSI NAMED VP OF SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS AT MGP INGREDIENTS

ATCHISON, Kan., April 19, 2007—Sukh Bassi, Ph.D., has been appointed to the newly created position of vice president of scientific affairs at MGP Ingredients, Inc. (Nasdaq/MGPI). He formerly served for a number of years as vice president of research and development and later as vice president of new product innovations. A search for a successor to oversee product research and development initiatives is underway.

In his new position, Dr. Bassi is responsible for procuring, processing and administering product development grants; handling domestic and international science and government issues; collaborating with industry and academic partners; and representing the company in its relationships with industry-related organizations and government agencies.

“As our product technologies, processes and offerings continue to evolve, it is essential that we have a position dedicated to supporting this process through direct interaction with external scientific entities and extensive knowledge of cutting edge programs and opportunities,” said Tim Newkirk, president and chief operating officer. “Dr. Bassi is the ideal individual to fill this role. He possesses a wealth of experience in product development and has tremendous familiarity with multiple industry partners and scientific organizations.”

Dr. Bassi joined MGP Ingredients as chief microbiologist in 1981. Shortly after his promotion to vice president of research and development in 1985, he was also made corporate technical director. From 1990 to 1999, he additionally managed the company’s wheat protein sales and marketing activities. His was given the title of vice president of new product innovations in 2002 as the company further accelerated efforts to expand the depth and scope of its value-added protein and starch ingredients. He was made chief science officer of the company in 2004 and will continue in that capacity.

“In my new role as vice president of scientific affairs, I plan to utilize my research background to explore new technologies that could be beneficial to MGPI’s product development programs and strategies,” Dr. Bassi said. “Simultaneously, I look forward to performing a more active role in strengthening our alliances with multiple industry organizations and university research departments, as well as government and private laboratories.”

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Because MGPI “is involved in business on a global basis,” Dr. Bassi continued, “it is very important for the company to maintain a thorough knowledge of technological developments and trends in countries around the world. Likewise, with the establishment of this new position, greater effort can be directed toward complementing the work of our own R&D staff through greater networking and interaction with other scientists.”

During his years at MGPI, Dr. Bassi has authored and co-authored a number of scientific publications related to wheat protein and wheat starch properties and functions. He is listed as the chief inventor or inventor on numerous patents awarded to the company for work in creating new protein and starch innovations, applications and processes.

Prior to coming to the company, Dr. Bassi served for 10 years as professor of biology at Benedictine College in Atchison. Born and raised in Kenya, East Africa, he came to the United States to attend Knox College, Galesburg, Ill., where he received a bachelor’s degree in biology in 1963. He earned a master’s degree at St. Louis University in 1968, and his doctorate there in 1971. He has also conducted post-doctoral studies at Northwestern University.

Dr. Bassi holds membership in several professional and industry-related organizations, including the following: American Association for the Advancement of Sciences, American Chemical Society, American Association of Cereal Chemists, New York Academy of Scientists, Institute of Food Technologists, American Bakers Association, American Society of Baking; International Wheat Gluten Association, and Society of Sigma Xi. Locally, he is a former member and past president of Rotary International, former chairman of the Board of Directors of the Atchison Area Chamber of Commerce, former District Boy Scout Chairman and a founding organizer of the Kanza Boy Scout Camp. He is a Queen’s Scout, a Rotary International Paul Harris Fellow, and a recipient of the Boy Scout Award of Merit.

Dr. Bassi and his wife, Jane, have three sons, Neal, Nathan and Sean, and two grandchildren.

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