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#### 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 7, 2015

# MARATHON PATENT GROUP, INC. (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Nevada 000-54652 01-0949984

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification

No.)

11100 Santa Monica Blvd., Ste. 380 Los Angeles, CA (Address of principal

executive offices)

90025 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (703) 232-1701

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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## ITEM ENTRY INTO A MATERIAL DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT 1.01

On April 7, 2015 (the "Effective Date"), Marathon Patent Group, Inc. (the "Company") entered into a consulting agreement (the "Consulting Agreement") with Richard Chernicoff, a member of the Company's Board of Directors, pursuant to which Mr. Chernicoff shall provide certain services to the Company, including serving as the interim General Counsel and interim General Manager of commercial product commercialization and development. Pursuant to the terms of the Consulting Agreement, Mr. Chernicoff shall receive a monthly retainer of \$27,000 and subject to shareholder approval and pursuant to the Company's 2014 Equity Incentive Plan (the "Plan"), a ten (10) year stock option to purchase 280,000 shares of the Company's common stock (the "Award"). The stock options shall have an exercise price of \$6.76 per share, the closing price of the Company's common stock on the date immediately prior to the Board of Directors approval of such stock options and the options shall vest as follows: 25% of the Award shall vest on the 12 month anniversary of the Effective Date and thereafter 2.083% on the 21st day of each succeeding calendar month, provided Mr. Chernicoff continues to provide services (in addition to as a member of the Company's Board of Directors) at the time of vesting. The Award shall be subject in all respects to the terms of the Plan. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Award shall be subject to the following as an additional condition of vesting: (A) options to purchase 70,000 shares of the Company's common stock under the Award shall not vest at all unless the price of the Company's common stock while Mr. Chernicoff continues as an officer and/or director reach \$8.99 and (B) options to purchase 70,000 shares of the Company's common stock under the Award shall not vest at all unless the price of the Company's common stock while Mr. Chernicoff continues as an officer and/or director reach \$10.14.

The issuance of the securities was deemed to be exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act of 1933 by virtue of Section 4(a)(2) thereof, as a transaction by an issuer not involving a public offering.

The foregoing description of the principal terms of the Consulting Agreement is a general description only, does not purport to be complete, and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the terms of the Consulting Agreement, which is attached as Exhibits 10.1 to this Current Report and incorporated herein by reference.

## ITEM UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES 3.02

The information set forth in Item 1.01 is incorporated by reference into Item 3.02.

## ITEM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS 9.01

(d) Exhibits.

The exhibit listed in the following Exhibit Index is furnished as part of this Current Report on Form 8-K.

### Exhibit Description

No.

10.1 Consulting Agreement by and between Marathon Patent Group, Inc. and Richard Chernicoff dated April 7, 2015

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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 thereunto duly authorized.

Date: April 13, 2015

MARATHON PATENT GROUP, INC.

By: /s/ Francis Knuettel II
Name: Francis Knuettel II
Title: Chief Financial Officer