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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): January 10, 2007 StemCells, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 000-19871 94-3078125

(State or other jurisdiction (Commission (I.R.S. Employer of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

3155 Porter Drive, Palo Alto, California (Zip Code) offices)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: 650.475.3100 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:

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

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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.

(d) On January 10, 2007, StemCells, Inc., (the Company) increased the size of its Board of Directors from six to seven and appointed Desmond H. O Connell, Jr. to the Board of Directors as a Class II director with a term expiring at the annual meeting of shareholders in 2008. The Board has not yet appointed Mr. O Connell to any Board committee.

Mr. O Connell will receive compensation for his board service consistent with the Company s non-employee director

compensation plan. He will receive compensation of \$4,500 per quarter and was awarded a stock option grant for 20,000 shares in connection with his appointment.

A press release announcing Mr. O Connell s appointment is included in this Current Report as Exhibit 99.1.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated January 12, 2007

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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.

January 12, 2007 StemCells, Inc.

/s/ Rodney K. B. Young
Name: Rodney K. B. Young
Title: Chief Financial Officer

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Number Description

99.1 Press Release dated January 12, 2007