
**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): August 27, 2018

Commission File Number
001-34581

KRATON™

Kraton Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

20-0411521
(I.R.S. Employer
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)

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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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (17 CFR §230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR §240.12b-2). 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.

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

(d)

On August 27, 2018, the Board of Directors (the "Board") of Kraton Corporation ("Kraton") increased the size of the Board from nine to ten directors. The Board filled the newly created vacancy by appointing Ms. Billie I. Williamson as a Class II director, whose initial term will expire at Kraton's 2020 annual general meeting of stockholders. Ms. Williamson has not yet been appointed to any standing committees of the Board.

Ms. Williamson, age 65, served in various roles at Ernst & Young LLP ("EY") from 1974 to 1993 and 1998 to 2011, most recently as Senior Global Client Service Partner. Ms. Williamson was also EY's Americas Inclusiveness Officer, a member of its Americas Executive Board, which functions as the Board of Directors for EY dealing with strategic and operational matters, and a member of the EY U.S. Executive Board. Ms. Williamson serves as a director of Pentair plc, XL Group Ltd. and Cushman & Wakefield plc. Ms. Williamson earned a BBA degree in accounting from Southern Methodist University.

In connection with her appointment to the Board, and in accordance with Kraton's director compensation practice, which is described in Kraton's most recent proxy statement filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") on April 13, 2018, Ms. Williamson will receive pro rata compensation based on (1) an annual cash retainer for serving on the Board of \$90,000 and (2) an annual grant of common stock of Kraton equal to \$90,000, which will be fully vested. Ms. Williamson has entered into Kraton's standard form of indemnification agreement for non-executive directors, which is attached as Exhibit 10.1 to Kraton's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on December 16, 2011 and incorporated by reference into this Item 5.02.

There are no relationships that would be reportable as a related party transaction under the rules of the SEC.

A copy of Kraton's press release relating to this appointment is being furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Item 9.01 **Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
<u>99.1</u>	Press Release, dated August 27, 2018

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 CORPORATION

Date: August 27, 2018

/s/ Stephen E. Tremblay

Stephen E. Tremblay

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Kraton Corporation Announces Appointment of Additional Director

HOUSTON, Aug. 27, 2018 -- Kraton Corporation (NYSE : KRA) (the "Company"), today announced the appointment of Ms. Billie I. Williamson, former Senior Global Client Serving Partner for Ernst & Young LLP, to the Company's Board of Directors (the "Board"). The appointment is effective as of August 27, 2018.

"We are excited to welcome Billie to the Board," said Dan F. Smith, the Company's Chairman of the Board. "Billie will be an excellent complement to our existing Board, ensuring well-rounded and effective oversight. This appointment reflects our commitment to continuously reviewing the Board's capabilities, strategically refreshing our Board's talent, and increasing our Board's diversity."

Kevin M. Fogarty, the Company's President and Chief Executive Officer, added, "Billie will bring to the Board experience in manufacturing, financial acumen, knowledge of strategy and risk management, and a distinguished track record as an experienced leader. She joins Kraton at an exciting time and I am confident that she will provide valuable perspectives as Kraton continues its commitment to executing its strategy, driving profitability and enhancing shareholder value."

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About Kraton Corporation

Kraton Corporation is a leading global producer of styrenic block copolymers, specialty polymers and high-value performance products derived from pine wood pulping co-products. Kraton's polymers are used in a wide range of applications, including adhesives, coatings, consumer and personal care products, sealants and lubricants, medical, packaging, automotive, paving and roofing applications. As the largest global provider in the pine chemicals industry, the company's pine-based specialty products are sold into adhesive, road and construction and tire markets, and it produces and sells a broad range of performance chemicals into markets that include fuel additives, oilfield chemicals, coatings, metalworking fluids and lubricants, inks and mining. Kraton offers its products to a diverse customer base in numerous countries worldwide. Kraton, the Kraton logo and design are all trademarks of Kraton Corporation, or its subsidiaries or affiliates.

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