

RAYONIER ADVANCED MATERIALS INC.

Form 8-K

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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)

March 21, 2016

COMMISSION FILE NUMBER 001-36285

Incorporated in the State of Delaware

I.R.S. Employer Identification Number 46-4559529

1301 Riverplace Boulevard, Jacksonville, Florida 32207

(Principal Executive Office)

Telephone Number: (904) 357-4600

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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

(b) On March 21, 2016, Mr. Thomas H. Benner tendered his resignation as Senior Vice President, Commercial of Rayonier Advanced Materials Inc. (the “Company”), effective March 31, 2016. Mr. Benner joined the Company in October 2014 as Senior Vice President, Commercial and is leaving the Company to become CEO and president of the North American subsidiary of a privately held global manufacturing company.

Mr. Benner's departure provides the Company with the opportunity to further streamline its senior management structure, consistent with its previously announced Transformation Initiative. To that end, his responsibilities will be assumed by other executives on the Company's senior team.

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Signature

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.

Rayonier Advanced Materials Inc. (Registrant)

BY: /s/ MICHAEL R. HERMAN

Michael R. Herman

Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

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