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December 21, 2016

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): December 19, 2016

BRISTOL-MYERS SQUIBB COMPANY

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware 1-1136 22-0790350 (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification Number)

345 Park Avenue

New York, NY 10154

(Address of Principal Executive Office)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (212) 546-4000

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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 December 19, 2016, Lamberto Andreotti notified Bristol-Myers Squibb Company (the "Company") that he will not stand for re-election to the Board of Directors at the 2017 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, which is expected to be held on May 2, 2017.

Additionally, on December 21, 2016, the Company announced that the Board of Directors has elected Giovanni Caforio, M.D., the Chief Executive Officer of the Company, to become Chairman of the Board effective May 2, 2017. Dr. Caforio will serve as both Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of the Company.

A copy of the press release announcing the retirement of Lamberto Andreotti from the Board and the election of Giovanni Caforio, M.D. as Chairman of the Board is attached to this report as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press release dated December 21, 2016

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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 hereunto duly authorized.

BRISTOL-MYERS SQUIBB COMPANY

Dated: December 21, 2016 By: /s/ Katherine R. Kelly

Name: Katherine R. Kelly Title: Corporate Secretary