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): July 15, 2011

MELA Sciences, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) **000-51481** (Commission File Number) **13-3986004** (IRS Employer Identification No.)

50 South Buckhout Street, Suite 1 Irvington, New York (Address of principal executive offices) **10533** (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (914) 591-3783

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

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

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

On July 15, 2011, Tina Cheng-Avery resigned from the office of Vice President of Commercialization of MELA Sciences, Inc. (the "Company") effective immediately. Ms. Cheng-Avery will continue to be available to assist the Company through December 30, 2011 as a consultant pursuant to a consulting agreement.

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.

Date: July 21, 2011

MELA Sciences, Inc.

By: /s/ Richard I. Steinhart

Richard I. Steinhart, Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)