

AmpliPhi Biosciences Corp
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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM S-8

REGISTRATION STATEMENT

UNDER

THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

AMPLIPHI BIOSCIENCES CORPORATION

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Washington **91-1549568**
(State or other jurisdiction of **(I.R.S. Employer**
incorporation or organization) Identification No.)

4870 Sadler Road, Suite 300

Glen Allen, Virginia 23060

(804) 205-5069

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

AmpliPhi Biosciences Corporation 2012 Stock Incentive Plan

AmpliPhi Biosciences Corporation 2013 Stock Incentive Plan

(Full title of the plan)

Jeremy Curnock Cook

Interim Chief Executive Officer

AmpliPhi Biosciences Corporation

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(Calculation of Registration Fee on following page)

Indicate by a check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See definition of “large accelerated filer,” “accelerated filer” and “smaller reporting company” in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer
 Non-accelerated filer (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller reporting company

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

| Title of each class of securities to be registered | Amount to be registered(1) | Proposed maximum offering price per share(2) | Proposed maximum aggregate offering price | Amount of registration fee |
|---|----------------------------|--|---|----------------------------|
| AmpliPhi Biosciences Corporation 2012 Stock Incentive Plan | | | | |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 21,120,747 Shares | \$0.24 | \$5,068,979.28 | \$589.02 |
| AmpliPhi Biosciences Corporation 2013 Stock Incentive Plan | | | | |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 40,000,000 Shares | \$0.24 | \$9,600,000.00 | \$1,115.52 |
| Total | 61,120,747 Shares | | \$14,668,979.28 | \$1,704.54 |

(1) Pursuant to Rule 416 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”), this registration statement shall also cover any additional shares of common stock that may be offered or issued in connection with any stock dividend, stock split or any other similar transaction effected without the receipt of consideration which results in an increase in the number of the registrant’s outstanding shares of common stock. In addition, pursuant to Rule 416(c) under the Securities Act, this registration statement also covers an indeterminate amount of interests to be offered or sold pursuant to the employee benefit plan(s) described herein.

(2) Estimated in accordance with Rule 457(h) under the Securities Act solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee. The computation is based upon the average of the high and low sale prices of the common stock as quoted on the OTCQB as of April 9, 2015.

PART I

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE SECTION 10(a) PROSPECTUS

The information required by Part I is not filed as part of this Registration Statement in accordance with Rule 428 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”), and the Note to Part I of Form S-8. The document(s) containing the information specified in Part I of Form S-8 will be sent or given to participants as required by Securities Act Rule 428(b)(1).

PART II

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.

AmpliPhi Biosciences Corporation (the “Registrant”) hereby incorporates by reference into this Registration Statement the following documents previously filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”):

(1) The Registrant’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014, filed pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), on April 15, 2015.

(2) All other reports filed by the Company pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act since the end of the fiscal year covered by the Annual Report on Form 10-K referred to in (a) above.

(2) The description of the Registrant’s common stock contained in the Registrant’s Registration Statement on Form S-1/A (Commission’s File No. 333-193458) filed with the Commission on December 23, 2014, including any amendment or report filed for the purpose of updating such description.

All documents filed by the Registrant pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Exchange Act on or after the date of this Registration Statement and prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement that indicates that all securities offered have been sold or that deregisters all securities then remaining unsold shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement and to be part hereof from the date of filing of such documents; *provided, however*, that documents or information deemed to have been furnished and not filed in accordance with the rules of the Commission shall not be deemed incorporated by reference into this Registration Statement. Any statement contained in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this Registration Statement to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any subsequently filed document which also is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such statement. Any such statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Registration Statement.

Item 4. Description of Securities.

Not applicable.

Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel.

Not applicable.

Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

Sections 23B.08.510 and 23B.08.570 of the Washington Business Corporation Act, or WBCA, authorize Washington corporations to indemnify directors and officers under certain circumstances against expenses and liabilities incurred in legal proceedings in which they are involved by reason of being a director or officer, as applicable. Section 23B.08.560 of the WBCA authorizes a corporation by provision in a bylaw approved by its shareholders to indemnify or agree to indemnify a director made a party to a proceeding, or obligate itself to advance or reimburse expenses incurred in a proceeding, without regard to the limitations imposed by Sections 23B.08.510 through 23B.08.550; provided that no such indemnity shall indemnify any director from or on account of (a) acts or omissions of the director finally adjudged to be intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, (b) conduct of the director finally adjudged to be in violation of Section 23B.08.310 of the WBCA (which section relates to unlawful distributions) or (c) any transaction with respect to which it was finally adjudged that such director personally received a benefit in money, property or services to which the director was not legally entitled.

Article 11 of the Registrant's current articles of incorporation, provides that, to the fullest extent that the WBCA permits the limitation or elimination of the liability of a director, a director shall not be liable to the Registrant or its shareholders for monetary damages for conduct as a director. Section 10 of the Registrant's amended and restated bylaws requires the Registrant to indemnify every present or former director or officer against expenses, liabilities and losses incurred in connection with serving as a director or officer, as applicable, and to advance expenses of such director or officer incurred in defending any proceeding covered by the indemnity.

Upon reincorporation in Delaware, we intend to adopt provisions in our certificate of incorporation that limit the liability of our directors for monetary damages for breach of their fiduciary duty as directors, except for liability that cannot be eliminated under Delaware law. Under Delaware law, our directors have a fiduciary duty to us which will not be eliminated by this provision in our certificate of incorporation. In addition, each of our directors will continue to be subject to liability under Delaware law for breach of the director's duty of loyalty to us for acts or omissions which are found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or knowing violations of law for actions leading to improper personal benefit to the director and for payment of dividends or approval of stock repurchases or redemptions that are prohibited by Delaware law. This provision does not affect the directors' responsibilities under any other laws, such as the Federal securities laws. Delaware law further provides that directors of a company will not be personally liable for monetary damages for breach of their fiduciary duty as directors, except for liability for the following: (i) any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to us or our stockholders; (ii) acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law; (iii) unlawful payment of dividends or unlawful stock repurchases or redemptions; or (iv) any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit. Additionally, Delaware law provides that the indemnification permitted thereunder shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which the directors and officers may be entitled under our bylaws, any agreement, a vote of stockholders or otherwise. Our certificate of incorporation and bylaws, upon reincorporation, will eliminate the personal liability of directors to the maximum extent permitted by Delaware law. In addition, such certificate of incorporation and bylaws will provide that we may fully indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding (whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative) by reason of the fact that such person is or was one of our directors, officers, employees or other agents, against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with such action, suit or proceeding.

The Registrant maintains a policy of directors' and officers' liability insurance that insures the directors and officers against the cost of defense, settlement or payment of a judgment under certain circumstances. The Registrant has also entered into indemnification agreements with its executive officers and directors that provide for the indemnification of directors and executive officers to the fullest extent permitted by the WBCA against expenses reasonably incurred by such persons in any threatened, pending or completed action, suit, investigation or proceeding in connection with their service as (i) a director or officer or (ii) as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation or of a partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, including service with respect to employee benefit plans, at the registrant's request. In addition, the indemnification agreements provide the Registrant with the obligation to advance expenses under certain circumstances and provide for procedural protections, including a determination by a reviewing party whether the indemnitee is permitted to be indemnified under applicable law. In addition, the Registrant acknowledges that it will be the indemnitor of first resort should the indemnitee have rights to indemnification provided by other persons. Upon reincorporation in Delaware, the Registrant intends to enter into substantially similar indemnification agreements with the same persons to indemnify such persons to the fullest extent

permitted under the Delaware General Corporation Law.

At present, there is no pending litigation or proceeding involving any of our directors or executive officers as to which indemnification is required or permitted, and we are not aware of any threatened litigation or proceeding that may result in a claim for indemnification.

Item 7. Exemption from Registration Claimed.

Not applicable.

Item 8. Exhibits.

See the attached Exhibit Index, which is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9. Undertakings.

A. The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act;

(ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20 percent change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective registration statement;

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement.

Provided, however, that paragraphs (A)(1)(i) and (A)(1)(ii) do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in periodic reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the Registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in this registration statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

B. The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each filing of the Registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

C. Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Glen Allen, Commonwealth of Virginia, on April 16, 2015.

AMPLIPHI BIOSCIENCES CORPORATION

By: /s/ Jeremy Curnock Cook
Name: Jeremy Curnock Cook
Title: Interim Chief Executive
Officer and Chairman

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, that the undersigned directors and officers of AmpliPhi Biosciences Corporation do hereby constitute and appoint Jeremy Curnock Cook and David E. Boshier, and each of them severally, our true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, each acting alone with full power of substitution and resubstitution, to do any and all such acts and things in our name and on our behalf in our capacities as directors and officers and to execute any and all instruments for us and in our names in the capacities indicated below, which said attorneys and agents, or either of them, may deem necessary or advisable to enable said corporation to comply with the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (“Securities Act”), and any rules, regulations and requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission, in connection with this Registration Statement on Form S-8 under the Securities Act, including specifically, but without limitation, power and authority to sign for us or in any of our names and in the capacities indicated below any and all amendments (including post effective amendments) to this Registration Statement, or any related Registration Statement that is to be effective upon filing pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act; and we do hereby ratify and confirm all that the said attorneys and agents, or either of them, shall do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

SIGNATURE

TITLE

DATE

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| /s/ Jeremy Curnock Cook Jeremy Curnock Cook | Interim Chief Executive Officer and Chairman <i>(Principal Executive Officer)</i> | April 16, 2015 |
| /s/ David E. Boshier David E. Boshier | Interim Chief Financial Officer <i>(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)</i> | April 16, 2015 |
| /s/ Wendy Johnson Wendy Johnson | Director | April 16, 2015 |
| /s/ Louis Drapeau Louis Drapeau | Director | April 16, 2015 |
| /s/ Michael S. Perry, Ph.D. Michael S. Perry, Ph.D. | Director | April 16, 2015 |
| /s/ Julian P. Kirk Julian P. Kirk | Director | April 16, 2015 |

INDEX TO EXHIBITS

Exhibit

Number

- 4.1 Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation, effective May 21, 2009 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Registration Statement on Form 10 filed December 16, 2013).
- 4.2 Articles of Amendment to Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation, effective June 26, 2013 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the Registration Statement on Form 10 filed December 16, 2013).
- 4.3 Articles of Correction to Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation, effective June 26, 2013 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.3 to the Registration Statement on Form 10 filed December 16, 2013).
- 4.4 Amendment to Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation, effective January 5, 2015. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.5 to the Annual Report on Form 10-K filed April 15, 2015).
- 4.5 Amended and Restated Bylaws (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.4 to the Registration Statement on Form 10 filed December 16, 2013).
- 4.6 2012 Stock Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.13 to the Registration Statement on Form 10 filed December 16, 2013).
- 4.7 2013 Stock Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.21 to the Annual Report on Form 10-K filed April 15, 2014).
- 5.1* Opinion of Morrison & Foerster LLP.
- 23.1* Consent of Morrison & Foerster LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1).
- 23.2* Consent of Ernst & Young LLP, independent registered public accounting firm.
- 24.1 Powers of Attorney (see signature page).

* Filed herewith.