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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

SCHEDULE 13D

(Rule 13d-101)

(Amendment No. 1)

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED

PURSUANT TO § 240.13d-1(a) AND

AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED PURSUANT TO § 240.13d-2(a)

RiceBran Technologies, Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, no par value per share

(Title of Class of Securities)

45677V108

(CUSIP Number)

LF-RB Management LLC	Stephen D. Baksa
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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

May 18, 2016

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

1 81-1110072

LF-RB Management, LLC

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

(a) x
(b) ..

3 SEC USE ONLY

SOURCE OF FUNDS

4
WC

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) or 2(e)

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

6
Delaware

SOLE VOTING POWER

7
NUMBER OF 0 shares

SHARED VOTING POWER

8
SHARES 952,479 shares

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

9
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY 0 shares

SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

10
EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH 0 shares

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

11
952,479 shares¹

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES ..

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 11

9.0%²

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

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¹ LF-RB Management, LLC may be deemed to have shared voting power with respect to, and beneficial ownership of, the shares of Common Stock (“Common Stock”) of the Issuer held by the other parties to such Voting Agreement, Stephen D. Baksa and Edward M. Giles under Rule 13d-5 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), by virtue of the Voting Agreement (as defined and described in item 4 below) and the other understandings described in Items 4 and 6 below.

² Based on a total of 10,496,339 shares of Common Stock issued and outstanding as of May 13, 2016, as reported by the Issuer in the Issuer’s latest Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 16, 2016, plus 139,047 shares of Common Stock underlying warrants held by Mr. Baksa exercisable within 60 days of the date hereof.

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NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

1 N/A

Gary L. Herman

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

(a) x
(b) ..

3 SEC USE ONLY

SOURCE OF FUNDS

4
PF

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) or 2(e)

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

6
United States

SOLE VOTING POWER

7
NUMBER OF 0 shares

SHARED VOTING POWER

8
SHARES 952,479 shares

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

9
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY 3,390 shares

SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

10
EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH 0 shares

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

11
952,479 shares³

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES ..

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 11 9.0%⁴

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON IN

³ Includes 3,390 shares directly held by Gary L. Herman and his affiliates. Mr. Herman, as managing member of LF-RB Management LLC, may be deemed to have shared voting power with respect to, and beneficial ownership of, the shares of Common Stock of the Issuer held by him, the other parties to the Voting Agreement, Stephen D. Baksa and Edward M. Giles under Rule 13d-5 of the Exchange Act, by virtue of the Voting Agreement and the other understandings described in Items 4 and 6 below.

⁴ Based on a total of 10,496,339 shares of Common Stock issued and outstanding as of May 13, 2016, as reported by the Issuer in the Issuer's latest Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 16, 2016, plus 139,047 shares of Common Stock underlying warrants held by Mr. Baksa exercisable within 60 days of the date hereof.

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NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

1 N/A

Michael Goose

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

(a) x
(b) ..

3 SEC USE ONLY

SOURCE OF FUNDS

4
PF

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) or 2(e)

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

6
Canada

SOLE VOTING POWER

7
NUMBER OF 0 shares

SHARED VOTING POWER

8
SHARES 952,479 shares

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

9
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY 0 shares

SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

10
EACH REPORTING 0 shares

PERSON WITH

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

11
952,479 shares⁵

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES ..

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 11 9.0%⁶

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON IN

⁵ Mr. Goose, as managing member of LF-RB Management LLC, may be deemed to have shared voting power with respect to, and beneficial ownership of, the shares of Common Stock of the Issuer held by the other parties to the Voting Agreement, Stephen D. Baksa and Edward M. Giles under Rule 13d-5 of the Exchange Act, by virtue of the Voting Agreement and the other understandings described in Items 4 and 6 below

⁶ Based on a total of 10,496,339 shares of Common Stock issued and outstanding as of May 13, 2016, as reported by the Issuer in the Issuer's latest Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 16, 2016, plus 139,047 shares of Common Stock underlying warrants held by Mr. Baksa exercisable within 60 days of the date hereof.

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NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

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1 N/A

Stephen D. Baksa

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

(a) x
(b) ..

3 SEC USE ONLY

SOURCE OF FUNDS

4
PF

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) or 2(e)

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

6
United States

SOLE VOTING POWER

7
NUMBER OF 0 shares

SHARED VOTING POWER

8
SHARES 496,910 shares

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

9
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY 496,910 shares

SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

10
EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH 0 shares

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

11
496,910 shares⁷

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 11

.. 4.7%⁸

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

IN

⁷ Represents an aggregate of 357,863 shares of the Issuer's Common Stock and 139,047 shares of Common Stock underlying Common Stock purchase warrants exercisable within 60 days. This total does not include 51,233 shares of Common Stock owned by trusts for the benefit of Mr. Baksa's adult children. Mr. Baksa's wife is the sole trustee of such trusts, and Mr. Baksa disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares. LF-RB Management, LLC may be deemed to have shared voting power with respect to, and beneficial ownership of, the shares of Common Stock of the Issuer held by Mr. Baksa under Rule 13d-5 of the Exchange Act by virtue of the understandings described in Items 4 and 6 below.

⁸ Based on a total of 10,496,339 shares of Common Stock issued and outstanding as of May 13, 2016, as reported by the Issuer in the Issuer's latest Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 16, 2016, plus 139,047 shares of Common Stock underlying warrants held by Mr. Baksa exercisable within 60 days of the date hereof.

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NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

1 N/A

Richard Jacinto

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

(a) x
(b) ..

3 SEC USE ONLY

SOURCE OF FUNDS

4
PF

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) or 2(e)

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

6
United States

SOLE VOTING POWER

7
NUMBER OF 0 shares

SHARED VOTING POWER

8
SHARES 144,551 shares

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

9
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY 144,551 shares

SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

10
EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH 0 shares

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

11
144,551 shares⁹

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES ..

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 11

1.4%¹⁰

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

IN

⁹ Includes only shares of Common Stock directly held by Richard Jacinto Roth IRA. LF-RB Management, LLC may be deemed to have shared voting power with respect to, and beneficial ownership of, the shares of Common Stock of the Issuer held by Mr. Jacinto under Rule 13d-5 of the Exchange Act by virtue of the Voting Agreement described in Items 4 and 6 below.

¹⁰ Based on a total of 10,496,339 shares of Common Stock issued and outstanding as of May 13, 2016, as reported by the Issuer in the Issuer's latest Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 16, 2016.

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NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

1 N/A

Richard Bellofatto

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

(a) x
(b) ..

3 SEC USE ONLY

SOURCE OF FUNDS

4
PF

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) or 2(e)

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

6
United States

SOLE VOTING POWER

7
NUMBER OF 0 shares

SHARED VOTING POWER

8
SHARES 150,000 shares

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

9
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY 150,000 shares

SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

10
EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH 0 shares

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

11
150,000 shares¹¹

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 11

1.4%¹²

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

IN

¹¹ . Includes only shares directly held by Richard Bellofatto. LF-RB Management, LLC may be deemed to have shared voting power with respect to, and beneficial ownership of, the shares of Common Stock of the Issuer held by Mr. Bellofatto under Rule 13d-5 of the Exchange Act by virtue of the Voting Agreement described in Items 4 and 6 below.

¹² Based on a total of 10,496,339 shares of Common Stock issued and outstanding as of May 13, 2016, as reported by the Issuer in the Issuer's latest Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 16, 2016.

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1 N/A

Larry Hofpspirger

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

(a) x
(b) ..

3 SEC USE ONLY

SOURCE OF FUNDS

4
PF

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) or 2(e)

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

6
United States

SOLE VOTING POWER

7
NUMBER OF 0 shares

SHARED VOTING POWER

8
SHARES 115,148 shares

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

9
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY 115,148 shares

SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

10
EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH 0 shares

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

11
115,148 shares¹³

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 11

1.1%¹⁴

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

IN

¹³ Includes only shares directly held by Larry Hofpsirger. LF-RB Management, LLC may be deemed to have shared voting power with respect to, and beneficial ownership of, the shares of Common Stock of the Issuer held by Mr. Hofpsirger under Rule 13d-5 of the Exchange Act by virtue of the Voting Agreement described in Items 4 and 6 below.

¹⁴ Based on a total of 10,496,339 shares of Common Stock issued and outstanding as of May 13, 2016, as reported by the Issuer in the Issuer's latest Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 16, 2016.

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NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

1 N/A

Edward M. Giles

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

(a) x
(b) ..

3 SEC USE ONLY

SOURCE OF FUNDS

4
PF

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) or 2(e)

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

6
United States

SOLE VOTING POWER

7
NUMBER OF 0 shares

SHARED VOTING POWER

8
SHARES 42,280 shares

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

9
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY 42,280 shares

SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

10
EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH 0 shares

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

11
42,280 shares¹⁵

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 11

0.4%¹⁶

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

IN

¹⁵ LF-RB Management, LLC may be deemed to have shared voting power with respect to, and beneficial ownership of, the shares of Common Stock of the Issuer held by Mr. Giles under Rule 13d-5 of the Exchange Act by virtue of the understandings described in Items 4 and 6 below.

¹⁶ Based on a total of 10,496,339 shares of Common Stock issued and outstanding as of May 13, 2016, as reported by the Issuer in the Issuer's latest Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 16, 2016.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Amendment No. 1 to Schedule 13D (this “Amendment No. 1”) amends and supplements the Schedule 13D (the “Original Schedule 13D”) filed by the Reporting Persons with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 29, 2016 as specifically set forth herein. This Amendment No. 1 is being filed by the Reporting Persons with a letter sent to the Issuer dated May 17, 2016. Capitalized terms used but not defined in this Amendment No. 1 have the meanings given to such terms in the Original Schedule 13D.

Item 4. Purpose of Transaction.

Item 4 is hereby amended and supplemented by adding the following:

On May 18, 2017 the Reporting Persons sent a letter to the Issuer. A copy of such letter is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.3 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer.

Item 5(a) is hereby amended and restated to read in its entirety as follows:

As of the date hereof, LF-RB Management, LLC may be deemed to have voting control over, and beneficial ownership of, an aggregate of 952,479 shares of Common Stock of the Issuer, representing approximately 9.0% of the outstanding shares of Common Stock of the Issuer, based on a total of 10,496,339 shares of Common Stock (a) reported by the Issuer to be issued and outstanding as of April 29, 2016, as reported by the Issuer in its Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 29, 2016, plus 139,047 shares of Common Stock underlying warrants held by Mr. Baksa exercisable within 60 days of the date hereof.

LF-RB is the record owner of 0 shares of Common Stock. Mr. Herman is the record owner of 3,390 shares of Common Stock. Mr. Goose is the record owner of 0 shares of Common Stock. Mr. Baksa is the record owner of 357,863 shares of Common Stock and warrants to purchase an additional 139,047 shares of Common Stock that may be exercised within 60 days of the date hereof. Mr. Jacinto is the record owner of 144,551 shares of Common Stock. Mr. Bellofatto is the record owner of 150,000 shares of Common Stock. Mr. Hofpsirger is the record owner of 115,148 shares of Common Stock. Mr. Giles is the record owner of 42,408 shares of Common Stock. As described above, on April 25, 2016, Reporting Persons entered into the Voting Agreement.

Item 7. Material to be Filed as Exhibits

Item 7 is hereby amended and supplemented by adding the following exhibits:

99.2 Voting Agreement, dated April 25, 2016, by and among LF-RB Management, LLC, Gary L. Herman, Michael Goose, Richard Jacinto, Richard Bellofatto and Larry Hofpsirger.

99.3 Letter sent to the Issuer by the Reporting Persons, dated May 18, 2016.

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SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of its knowledge and belief, each of the undersigned certifies that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

EXECUTED this 18th
day of May, 2016.

**LF-RB
MANAGEMENT,
LLC**

By: /s/ Gary L. Herman
Gary L. Herman
Managing Member

By: /s/ Michael Goose
Michael Goose
Managing Member

/s/ Gary L. Herman
Gary L. Herman

/s/ Michael Goose
Michael Goose

/s/ Stephen D. Baksa
Stephen D. Baksa

/s/ Richard Jacinto
Richard Jacinto

/s/ Richard Bellofatto
Richard Bellofatto

/s/ Larry Hofpsirger
Larry Hofpsirger

/s/ Edward M. Giles
Edward M. Giles

