RiceBran Technologies Form 8-K September 23, 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): September 22, 2016

RICEBRAN TECHNOLOGIES

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

California 0-32565 87-0673375

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

6720 N. Scottsdale Road, Suite 390

Scottsdale, AZ

85253

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (602) 522-3000

(Former name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report.)

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Item 8.01 Other Events.

As previously reported, W. John Short's employment as the Chief Executive Officer of RiceBran Technologies (the "Company") was terminated on August 27, 2016. The Company and Mr. Short have been unable to agree upon the severance payments owed to Mr. Short under his employment agreement with the Company. In order to resolve this dispute, on September 22, 2016, the Company filed an Arbitration Demand for Declaratory Relief (the "Demand") against Mr. Short. In the Demand, the Company seeks a determination and declaration resolving all disputes between the Company and Mr. Short, including those relating to the amounts owed to Mr. Short in connection with his employment termination. The Demand was filed with the American Arbitration Association in Phoenix, Arizona.

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.

RICEBRAN TECHNOLOGIES

Date: September 23, 2016 By:/s/ J. Dale Belt J. Dale Belt

Chief Financial Officer