# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 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) April 9, 2014

#### HENNESSY ADVISORS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

California 000-49872 68-0176227
(State or other jurisdiction (Commission (IRS Employer of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

7250 Redwood Blvd., Suite 200

Novato, California 94945 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number including area code: (415) 899-1555

Not Applicable (Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Item Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers;

5.02. Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers

(d) Hennessy Advisors, Inc. ("Hennessy Advisors") issued a press release announcing that the Board of Directors of Hennessy Advisors increased the size of the Board to nine members and appointed Susan Weber Pomilia as an independent director to fill the vacancy on the Board, effective April 9, 2014. Susan Weber Pomilia will serve until the annual meeting of shareholders of Hennessy Advisors to be held in 2015 and until her successor is duly elected and qualified. The Board also appointed Susan Weber Pomilia to the Nominating Committee of the Board.

A copy of the press release is being furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

Exhibit Description

Press release issued April 9, 2014 by Hennessy Advisors announcing the appointment of a new independent director to the Board of Directors.

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## **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

HENNESSY ADVISORS, INC.

April 9, 2014 Teresa M. Nilsen Executive Vice President

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By: /s/ Teresa M. Nilsen

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Exhibit Index to Current Report on Form 8-K dated April 9, 2014

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