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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): MARCH 10, 2008

NEXTWAVE WIRELESS INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| DELAWARE | 000-51958 | 20-5361360 |
| (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) | (Commission file number) | (I.R.S. employer identification no.) |

12670 HIGH BLUFF DRIVE
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA 92130
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (858) 480-3100

NOT APPLICABLE
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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

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ITEM 5.02 DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR CERTAIN OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; APPOINTMENT OF CERTAIN OFFICERS; COMPENSATORY ARRANGEMENTS OF CERTAIN OFFICERS.

(e) Compensatory Plan.

On March 10, 2008, the Board of Directors (the "Board") of NextWave Wireless Inc. ("NextWave") approved and adopted an amendment (the "Amendment") to the IPWireless, Inc. Employee Stock Bonus Plan (the "IPW Plan"), pursuant to which certain employees of IPWireless, Inc. ("IPWireless") may receive up to an aggregate of \$7.0 million in shares of NextWave common stock upon the achievement of certain operational milestones. The Amendment provides for the acceleration of payments under the IPW Plan to certain employees of IPWireless with whom NextWave has entered into non-competition agreements. Whereas prior to the Amendment, all participants in the IPW Plan were entitled to receive 30% of their total award allocation in 2008, 35% of their allocation in 2009 and 35% of their allocation in 2010, pursuant to the Amendment, employees with whom NextWave has executed non-competition agreements will be entitled to receive 45% of their total award allocation in 2008, 45% of their allocation in 2009 and 10% of their allocation in 2010. In each case, payment remains subject to the achievement of certain operational milestones and payments to employees with whom NextWave does not have non-competition agreements remain unchanged. After giving effect to the Amendment, the operational milestones now give credit for Shipped Revenue (as defined in the IPW Plan) attributable to all business lines of IPWireless, while previously credit was only given for Shipped Revenue of the TDTV and Public Safety businesses. The Amendment to the IPW Plan was effective immediately.

William Jones, the Chief Executive Officer of NextWave Network Products, is a participant in the IPW Plan and may be entitled to receive compensation in the form of NextWave common stock, par value \$0.001 (the "Common Stock"), as a result of his participation in the IPW Plan. The adoption of the Amendment accelerates the timing of certain payments to Dr. Jones in connection with the IPW Plan, and, as a result of the Amendment, Dr. Jones will receive \$389,043 payable in Common Stock in 2007, subject to reduction in connection with applicable tax withholding obligations, and may receive up to \$475,496 payable in Common Stock during 2009-2010.

ITEM 8.01 OTHER EVENTS.

On March 21, 2008, NextWave issued a press release announcing the achievement of certain revenue milestones in 2007 by IPWireless, which has triggered an additional consideration payment in the amount of \$50 million to certain former stakeholders of IPWireless. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

In addition, on March 21, 2008, NextWave issued a press release announcing the issuance of shares pursuant to participation awards under the IPW Plan based on the achievement by IPWireless of 2007 revenue milestones set forth in the IPW Plan. These issuances are subject to the exception to NASDAQ Marketplace Rule 4350 requiring shareholder approval of equity-based incentive plans. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2 and incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(d) Exhibits.

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| Exhibit 99.1 | Press Release entitled "NextWave Wireless Makes Revenue Milestone Payment to IPWireless Stockholders", dated March 21, 2008. |
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SIGNATURE

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

Date: March 21, 2008

NEXTWAVE WIRELESS INC.

By: /s/ Frank A. Cassou

Frank A. Cassou
Executive Vice President-Corporate
Development, Chief Legal Counsel and
Secretary

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