

**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)**

January 02, 2015

RAYONIER ADVANCED MATERIALS INC.

COMMISSION FILE NUMBER 001-36285

**Incorporated in the State of Delaware
I.R.S. Employer Identification Number 46-4559529**

**1301 Riverplace Boulevard, Jacksonville, Florida 32207
(Principal Executive Office)**

Telephone Number: (904) 357-4600

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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) Effective January 2, 2015, the Compensation and Management Development Committee of Rayonier Advanced Materials Inc. (the “Company”) awarded 12,500 shares of restricted stock to Frank A. Ruperto, Chief Financial Officer and Senior Vice President, Finance and Strategy, and 10,000 shares of restricted stock to Michael R. Herman, Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary. Each award was granted under the Rayonier Advanced Materials Inc. Incentive Stock Plan (the “Plan”) and will vest on January 2, 2019 (the “Vesting Date”), or earlier if permitted under the terms of the Plan, on condition that each of Mr. Ruperto and Mr. Herman, respectively, continues to be employed with the Company on the Vesting Date. The form of Restricted Stock Award Agreement entered into by Messrs. Ruperto and Herman is substantially the same as the form filed by the Company with its Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 28, 2014.

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.

RAYONIER ADVANCED MATERIALS INC. (Registrant)

BY: /s/ MICHAEL R. HERMAN

Michael R. Herman

Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

January 07, 2015