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): October 5, 2020

KBL MERGER CORP. IV

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

001-38105 (Commission File Number) 81-3832378 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

30 Park Place, Suite 45E

New York, NY

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

10007 (Zip Code)

(Zip

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (302) 502-2727

Not Applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions *kee* General Instruction A.2. below):

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

□ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

□ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

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If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, par value \$0.0001 per share	KBLM	The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC
Warrants, each warrant exercisable for one-half of one share of Common Stock at an exercise price of \$5.75 per half share	KBLMW	The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC
Rights, exchangeable into one-tenth of one share of Common Stock	KBLMR	The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC
Units, each consisting of one share of Common Stock, one Warrant and one Right	KBLMU	The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On July 25, 2019, KBL Merger Corp. IV (the "Company" or "KBL") entered into a Business Combination Agreement (as it may be amended from time to time, the "Business Combination Agreement") with KBL Merger Sub, Inc. ("Merger Sub"), 180 Life Sciences Corp. ("180"), Katexco Pharmaceuticals Corp., CannBioRex Pharmaceuticals Corp., 180 Therapeutics L.P., and Lawrence Pemble as stockholder representative, pursuant to which Merger Sub will merge with and into 180 with 180 surviving the merger and continuing as a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company (such transaction, the "Business Combination"). The Business Combination and the Business Combination Agreement are more fully described in that certain Current Report on Form 8-K that the Company filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on July 26, 2019.

On each of October 5, 2020 and October 6, 2020, the Company and 180 issued a press release relating to matters involving the Business Combination.

A copy of each press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and Exhibit 99.2 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press release dated October 5, 2020
99.2	Press release dated October 6, 2020

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Additional Information about the Business Combination and Where to Find It

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Participants in the Solicitation

KBL and its directors and executive officers, may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies for the special meeting of KBL's stockholders to be held to approve the proposed transactions in connection with the Business Combination. Information regarding the persons who may, under the rules of the SEC, be deemed participants in the solicitation of KBL's stockholders in connection with the proposed transactions are set forth in the amended preliminary proxy statement/prospectus included in the registration statement that was filed with the SEC on August 28, 2020. You can find information about KBL's executive officers and directors in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019, which was filed with the SEC on April 7, 2020. You can obtain free copies of these documents from KBL using the contact information above.

Disclaimer

This communication is not a proxy statement or solicitation of a proxy, consent or authorization with respect to any securities or in respect of the proposed transaction and shall not constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy the securities of KBL and 180, nor shall there be any sale of any such securities in any state or jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of such state or jurisdiction. No offer of securities shall be made except by means of a prospectus meeting the requirements of Section 10 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.



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.

Date: October 7, 2020

KBL MERGER CORP. IV

By: /s/ Marlene Krauss, M.D.

Name: Marlene Krauss, M.D. Title: Chief Executive Officer

180 Life Sciences Corp. Announces New Board of Directors Appointments

Renowned Healthcare and Life Sciences Veterans Professor Richard Barker, Larry Gold MD, Shoshana Shendelman PhD, Along with Financial Expert Donald McGovern Jr., to Complement World Class Management Team

NEW YORK, October 05, 2020 /Globe Newswire/ -- KBL Merger Corp. IV (NASDAQ: KBLM or the "Company"), a special purpose acquisition company (SPAC) that previously announced the signing of a definitive agreement to acquire 180 Life Sciences Corp. ("180 Life Sciences"), a clinical-stage biotechnology company focused on the development of novel drugs that fulfill unmet needs in inflammatory diseases, fibrosis and pain, today announced the appointment of Professor Richard Barker, Larry Gold Md., Shoshana Shendelman PhD., and Donald McGovern Jr., to its Board of Directors, upon completion of the business combination.

180 Life Sciences is led by Dr. James Woody who previously served as the founding CEO of OncoMed Pharmaceuticals, as well as President and General Manager of Roche Bioscience. In addition, he served as Chief Scientific Officer and Senior Vice President of R&D for Centocor, where he led the team responsible for developing Remicade, the first of the TNF inhibitor biologics in collaboration with Prof. Sir Marc Feldmann, one of the founders and Co-Chairman of 180 Life Sciences.

Dr. James Woody, 180 Life Sciences CEO stated, "I'm pleased to welcome Richard, Larry, Shoshana and Donald to our Board of Directors. I have known Larry for many years, and I admire his brilliant work in building Somalogic into the premier worldwide protein identification company. Don and I worked on a biotech board together and his vast PWC international experience will be of immense value to 180 Life Sciences.

Richard joins, recommended by Sir Marc Feldmann, with his broad and skillful experience in science, management, and drug development, having served on the Celgene Board. Shoshana joins as the CEO of Applied Therapeutics, an enterprising biotechnology company she founded and has developed into a dynamic organization. Her recent successful experience in the financing arenas will be exceptionally valuable to our team"

Dr. Larry Gold, Ph.D., is an internationally recognized scientist, member of the U.S. National Academy of Sciences and biotech entrepreneur who founded NeXagen, Inc., which later became NeXstar Pharmaceuticals, Inc., and acquired by Gilead Sciences. Dr. Gold also co-founded the biotech company Synergen, Inc., that was later acquired by Amgen for \$x. He currently serves as Chairman of SomaLogic, a company that he founded and formerly served as CEO. He has taught at the University of Colorado Boulder since 1970 and served as Chair of the molecular, cellular and developmental biology department from 1988 to 1992.

Shoshana Shendelman, PhD is the Founder, CEO and Chair of the Board of Directors of Applied Therapeutics Inc. (Nasdaq: APLT), a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company developing a pipeline of novel drug candidates against validated molecular targets in indications of high unmet medical need. Prior to founding Applied Therapeutics in 2016, she founded Clearpoint Strategy Group LLC, a boutique life sciences consulting firm, where she served as the Managing Director from July 2012 to December 2016, and served as a Senior Advisor from January 2017 to December 2018. Dr. Shendelman received her Ph.D. in Cellular, Molecular and Biophysical Studies (CMBS) from Columbia University Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons. Dr. Shendelman is a member of the Board of Advisors of Columbia University Medical Center and Columbia University Vagelos College of Physicians & Surgeons, where she serves on the Nominations Committee and the Committee on Innovation and Entrepreneurship

Professor Richard Barker is an internationally respected leader in healthcare and life sciences. He is the Founding Director of New Medicine Partners, a global firm assisting public and private sector organizations to accelerate the worldwide development and adoption of precision medicine. He is chairman of the South London Health Innovation Network. He also chairs Metadvice, an AI-based digital health company enabling personalized medicine in Europe and the US. He is a board member of Image Analysis, a UK company using MRI to quantify the impact of therapy on disease and (until its recent acquisition by BMS) also of Celgene, a major US-based bio-therapeutics company.

Donald A. McGovern, Jr is the former Vice Chairman, Global Assurance, of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (PwC). Through decades of leadership at PwC and board experience, Don brings wide-ranging operational, financial, accounting and audit and public company experience. He currently serves on the board of Cars.com. Don joined the board of Cars.com in May 2017 upon the spinout of Cars.com from Tegna creating a new public company listed on the NYSE. Don is chair of the Audit Committee and a member of the Compensation Committee at Cars.com, and a designated financial expert under SEC regulations. His past public board experience has been with CRH, plc. Don served two three-year terms (2013-2019) on the Board of CRH. During his tenure, he was Senior Independent Director, chair of the Remuneration Committee, a member of the Nomination Committee and of the Audit Committee and a designated financial expert under US SEC and UK FRC regulations.

About 180 Life Sciences Corp.

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180 Life Sciences Corp. Expands Intellectual Property Portfolio

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180 Life Sciences is an applicant and licensee of a broad and growing patent portfolio for three major drug platforms in the areas of inflammation, fibrosis and pain. The patent portfolio covers 14 patent families with 42 patents issued and 32 pending in several important jurisdictions, including the United States, Canada, Europe, Australia, Japan and China.

On June 3rd, 2020, the EU Patent and Trademark Office granted patent number 2547363 "Methods of Prevention or Treatment of Triggered Inflammatory Reactions Using TNF Alpha Antagonist", which is part of a family of patents the Company has in its extensive patent portfolio.

Other recent filings and grants include:

- Granted: January 14th, 2020 Chinese patent ZL201580020978.7 for SCA: cyclohexenyl compounds, compositions comprising them and uses.
- FILED: April 22nd, 2020 US patent application 62/704,121 SCA: bioactive phenolate ionic complexes.
- GRANTED: June 2nd, 2020 US patent 10669334 treatment for Dupuytren's Disease.
- FILED: September 1st, 2020 Hong Kong patent application <u>62020001194.3</u> for method of treating systemic fibrotic disorders using an IL-33/TNF bispecific antibody.

The Company's patent portfolio is made up of both its own IP and exclusive worldwide licenses, with, Oxford University Innovation Limited, The Kennedy Trust for Rheumatology Research University of Oxford, Stanford University, and the Hebrew University.

"The issuance of our European patents significantly strengthens the IP portfolio governing our lead program," said Dr. James Woody, CEO of 180 Life Sciences, "We are committed to broadening our global patent estate as we continue to expand our internal pipeline and increase patient access to innovative therapies. Having this most recent patent awarded in the EU is important as it provides validation in the 12 largest countries in the EU, including the UK, and provides the platform to be able to expand clinical trials, commercialization and partnering efforts throughout Europe. We look forward to achieving additional milestones by the end of 2020."

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