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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**  
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)  
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **June 13, 2023**

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**BENITEC BIOPHARMA INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**001-39267**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**84-4620206**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**3940 Trust Way, Hayward, California**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**94545**  
(Zip Code)

**Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: (510) 780-0819**

**(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report): Not Applicable**

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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:

- 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))

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	BNTC	The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC

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)

Emerging Growth Company

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.

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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.**

*Grants of Executive Stock Options.* On June 13, 2023, the Compensation Committee (the “Committee”) of the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of Benitec Biopharma Inc. (the “Company”) approved the grant to each of Dr. Jerel Banks, Chief Executive Officer, and Megan Boston, Executive Director, of nonqualified stock options (the “Executive Options”) to purchase 356,900 and 153,000 shares, respectively, of the Company’s common stock pursuant to the Company’s 2020 Equity and Incentive Compensation Plan (the “Plan”). The Executive Options were granted at an exercise price of \$0.23 per share, which equals the closing price of the Company’s common stock on June 13, 2023. The Executive Options will become vested and exercisable in three substantially equal installments on each of the first three anniversaries of the grant date, subject to the applicable executive’s continued service with the Company through the applicable vesting date. Upon the occurrence of a Change in Control (as defined in the Plan) any unvested portion of the Executive Options will become fully-vested and exercisable.

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**SIGNATURES**

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, thereunto duly authorized.

**BENITEC BIOPHARMA INC.**

Date: June 15, 2023

By: /s/ Jerel A. Banks  
Name: Jerel A. Banks  
Title: Chief Executive Officer