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 31, 2025

APTOSE BIOSCIENCES INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Canada (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) 001-32001 (Commission File Number) 98-1136802 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

66 Wellington Street West, Suite 5300 TD Bank Tower, Box 48 Toronto, Ontario M5K 1E6 Canada (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(647) 479-9828

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(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:

□ 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))

D 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:

	Trading	Name of each exchange
Title of each class	Symbol(s)	on which registered
Common Shares, no par value	АРТО	NASDAQ Capital Market

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 Corporation \Box

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. \Box

Item 3.01. Notice of Delisting or Failure to Satisfy a Continued Listing Rule or Standard; Transfer of Listing.

On March 31, 2025, Aptose Biosciences Inc. (the "Company") received a letter from The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC ("Nasdaq") stating that because the Company has not regained compliance with Nasdaq's minimum stockholder equity requirement in Listing Rule 5550(b)(1), Nasdaq determined to delist the Company's securities from The Nasdaq Stock Market, effective on April 2, 2025.

The Company and board of directors will review all available options, including an appeal to the determination, but will continue to execute its business plan and will seek to list on a U.S. national securities exchange at the appropriate time. The Company's common shares remain listed on TSX under the symbol "APS".

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.

Aptose Biosciences Inc.

Date: April 3, 2025

By: <u>/s/ William G. Rice, Ph.D.</u> William G. Rice, Ph.D.

William G. Rice, Ph.D. Chairman, President, and Chief Executive Officer