

Neptune Technologies & Bioresources Inc.  
Form 40-F  
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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 40-F

(Check one)

☐ Registration statement pursuant to Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

or

☒ Annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the fiscal year ended: February 29, 2012

Commission file number: 1-33526

NEPTUNE TECHNOLOGIES & BIORESSOURCES INC.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Quebec  
(Province or other jurisdiction  
of  
incorporation or organization)

2836  
(Primary Standard Industrial  
Classification Code Number (if applicable))

Not Applicable  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification  
Number (if applicable))

225 Promenade du Centropolis  
Suite 200  
Laval, Quebec,  
Canada H7T 0B3  
(450) 687-2262  
(Address and telephone number of Registrant's principal executive offices)

CT Corporation System  
111 Eighth Avenue, New York, NY 10011  
(212) 894-8700  
(Name, address (including zip code) and telephone number (including area code) of agent for service in the United States)

Securities registered or to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act.

Title of each class  
Common Shares

Name of each exchange on which registered  
The Nasdaq Stock Market

Securities registered or to be registered pursuant to Section  
12(g) of the Act:

None

Securities for which there is a reporting obligation pursuant to  
Section 15(d) of the Act:

None

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For annual reports, indicate by check mark the information filed with this form:

☒ Annual Information Form

☒ Audited Annual Financial Statements

Indicate the number of outstanding shares of each of the issuer's classes of capital or common stock as of the close of the period covered by the annual report:

Common Shares outstanding as of February 29, 2012: 49,688,843

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant: (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports); and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes ☒ No ☐

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the Registrant was required to submit and post such files).

Yes ☐ No ☐

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## DISCLOSURE CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

The Registrant's Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") and Chief Financial Officer ("CFO") have concluded that, based on an evaluation of the Registrant's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act")) as required by Rules 13a-15(b) and 15d-15(b) under the Exchange Act, the Registrant's disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of February 29, 2012.

## INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

The Registrant's management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Exchange Act). The Registrant's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The Registrant's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (i) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the Registrant; (ii) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the Registrant are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the Registrant; and (iii) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use or disposition of the Registrant's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

The Registrant's management assessed the effectiveness of the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting as of February 29, 2012. In making this assessment, the Registrant's management used the criteria established in Internal Control – Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission ("COSO"). The Registrant's management, including the CEO and the CFO, concluded that, as of February 29, 2012, the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting was effective based on the criteria in Internal Control – Integrated Framework issued by COSO.

KPMG LLP's attestation report, "Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm" on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of February 29, 2012, accompanies the Registrant's Audited Consolidated Financial Statements as at February 29, 2012 and 2011 and March 1, 2010 and for the fiscal years ended February 29, 2012 and 2011, which are attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2.

## CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING CONTROLS

The Registrant's management, including the CEO and CFO, does not expect that its disclosure controls and procedures or internal controls and procedures will prevent all error and all fraud. A control system, no matter how well conceived and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the control system are met. Further, the design of a control system must reflect the fact that there are resource constraints, and the benefits of controls must be considered relative to their costs. Because of the inherent limitations in all control systems, no evaluation of controls can provide absolute assurance that all control issues and instances of fraud, if any, within the Registrant have been detected. These inherent limitations include the realities that judgments in decision-making can be faulty, and that breakdowns can occur because of simple error or mistake. Additionally, controls can be circumvented by the individual acts of some persons, by collusion of two or more people, or by management override of the control. The design of any system of controls also is based in part upon certain assumptions about the likelihood of future events, and there can be no assurance that any design will succeed in achieving its stated goals under all potential future conditions; over time, control may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate. Because of the

inherent limitations in a cost-effective control system, misstatements due to error or fraud may occur and not be detected.

## CHANGES IN INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

No change was identified in the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the period covered by this report that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

## AUDIT COMMITTEE FINANCIAL EXPERT

The Registrant's board of directors has determined that it has at least one audit committee financial expert serving on its audit committee. Mr. Jean-Claude Debard has been determined to be such audit committee financial expert and is independent, as that term is defined by the Nasdaq's listing standards applicable to the Registrant. The Securities and Exchange Commission has indicated that the designation of Mr. Debard as an audit committee financial expert does not make Mr. Debard an "expert" for any purpose, impose any duties, obligations or liability on Mr. Debard that are greater than those imposed on members of the audit committee and board of directors who do not carry this designation or affect the duties, obligations or liability of any other member of the audit committee or board of directors.

## CODE OF ETHICS

The Registrant has adopted a code of ethics entitled "Code of Business Conduct and Ethics for Directors, Officers and Employees" that applies to all directors, officers and employees, including the Registrant's principal executive officer, principal financial officer and principal accounting officer. The Registrant's code of ethics is available on the Registrant's Internet website: [www.neptunebiotech.com](http://www.neptunebiotech.com).

## PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES

The disclosure provided under "14. Report on Audit Committee—External Auditor Fees" on page 47 of Exhibit 99.1, the Registrant's Annual Information Form, is incorporated by reference herein.

## AUDIT COMMITTEE PRE-APPROVAL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The disclosure provided under "Charter of the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors—Responsibilities for Engaging External Auditors" in Schedule "A" of Exhibit 99.1, the Registrant's Annual Information Form, is incorporated by reference herein. None of the services described above under "Principal Accountant Fees and Services" under the captions "Audit-Related Fees," "Tax Fees" and "All Other Fees" were approved by the audit committee pursuant to paragraph (c)(7)(i)(C) of Rule 2-01 of Regulation S-X.

## OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS

The disclosure provided under "Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements and Contractual Obligations" on pages 17 and 18 of Exhibit 99.3, Management's Discussion and Analysis, is incorporated by reference herein.

## TABULAR DISCLOSURE OF CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS

The disclosure provided under "Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements and Contractual Obligations" on page 17 of Exhibit 99.3, Management's Discussion and Analysis, is incorporated by reference herein.



## FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION

Certain statements in this annual report and the exhibits hereto are “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of the United States Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements are not based on historical facts but, rather, on our current expectations and our projections about future events, including our current expectations regarding: the future demand for, and sales volumes of, our products; future production volumes, efficiencies and operating costs; increases or decreases in the prices of our products; the future availability and price of raw material needed to manufacture our products; our future stability and growth prospects; the success of measures to implement our business strategies and the benefits to be derived therefrom; our future profitability and capital needs, including capital expenditures; currency exchange rates; the outlook for and other developments in the industries in which we participate, as well as general economic and market conditions; and the effect on us of new accounting releases. These factors, many of which are beyond the control of the Registrant, include the Registrant’s ability to: effectively manage its operations during uncertain economic conditions; identify and capitalize on possible collaboration, strategic partnering or divestiture opportunities; obtain suitable financing to support its operations and clinical trials; manage its growth and the commercialization of its products; achieve operating efficiencies; successfully compete in its markets; realize the results it anticipates from the clinical trials of its products; succeed in finding and retaining joint venture and collaboration partners to assist it in the successful marketing, distribution and commercialization of its products; achieve regulatory clearances for its products; obtain on commercially reasonable terms adequate product liability insurance for its commercialized products; adequately protect its proprietary information and technology from competitors and avoid infringement of proprietary information and technology of its competitors; assure that its products, if successfully developed and commercialized following regulatory approval, are not rendered obsolete by products or technologies of competitors; and manage its relationships with third parties, including customers, suppliers and key personnel, upon whom it is dependent.

These forward-looking statements generally can be identified by the use of statements that include words such as “believe”, “expect”, “anticipate”, “intend”, “plan”, “likely”, “will”, “predicts”, “estimates”, “forecasts” or other similar words, although not all forward looking statements contain such words. Similarly, statements that describe our objectives, plans or goals are or may be forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are subject to risks, uncertainties and other factors that could cause our actual results to differ materially from the future results expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements.

Any forward-looking statements made by us in this annual report and the exhibits hereto are subject to these factors. In light of these risks, uncertainties and assumptions, the forward-looking events discussed in this annual report and the exhibits hereto may not occur. Actual results could differ materially from those expressed in any of our forward-looking statements. Other unknown or unpredictable factors could also harm our future results.

Given these uncertainties, prospective investors are cautioned not to place undue reliance on such forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements included in this annual report and the exhibits hereto are made only as of the date of this annual report. We do not intend, and do not assume any obligation, to update these forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by law. You should read this annual report and the exhibits hereto with the understanding that the actual future results may be materially different from what we expect. We may not update these forward-looking statements, even if our situation changes in the future. All forward-looking statements attributable to us are expressly qualified by these cautionary statements.

## IDENTIFICATION OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Registrant has a separately-designated standing audit committee established in accordance with section 3(a)(58)(A) of the Exchange Act. The Registrant’s audit committee is composed of the following directors: Jean-Claude Debard, Ronald Denis, Anthony Holler and Daniel Perry.





UNDERTAKING AND CONSENT TO SERVICE OF PROCESS

A. Undertaking

The Registrant undertakes to make available, in person or by telephone, representatives to respond to inquiries made by the Commission staff, and to furnish promptly, when requested to do so by the Commission staff, information relating to: the securities in relation to which the obligation to file this annual report on Form 40-F arises; or transactions in said securities.

B. Consent to Service of Process

The Registrant has previously filed with the Commission a Form F-X in connection with the class of securities in relation to which the obligation to file this report arises.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Exchange Act, the Registrant certifies that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form 40-F and has duly caused this annual report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereto duly authorized.

NEPTUNE TECHNOLOGIES & BIORESSOURCES INC.

By:	/s/ Henri Harland	
	Name:	Henri Harland
	Title:	President and Chief Executive Officer
	Dated:	May 29, 2012

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibits	Description
<u>99.1</u>	<u>Annual Information Form for the fiscal year ended February 29, 2012</u>
<u>99.2</u>	<u>Audited Consolidated Financial Statements of the Registrant as at February 29, 2012 and 2011 and March 1, 2010 and for the years ended February 29, 2012 and 2011 and related notes, and the accompanying auditors' reports</u>
<u>99.3</u>	<u>Management Analysis of the Financial Situation and Operating Results – Management Discussion and Analysis for the fiscal year ended February 29, 2012</u>
<u>99.4</u>	<u>Consent of KPMG LLP, Chartered Accountants</u>
<u>99.5</u>	<u>Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certifications:</u> <u>Certification of the Registrant's Chief Executive Officer</u> <u>Certification of the Registrant's Chief Financial Officer</u>
<u>99.6</u>	<u>Section 1350 Certifications:</u> <u>Certification of the Registrant's Chief Executive Officer</u> <u>Certification of the Registrant's Chief Financial Officer</u>