

ATHERSYS, INC / NEW
Form 8-K
June 18, 2013

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 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): June 18, 2013

ATHERSYS, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

001-33876
(Commission
File Number)

20-4864095
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

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3201 Carnegie Avenue,

Cleveland, Ohio
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

44115-2634
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (216) 431-9900

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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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

Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On June 18, 2013, at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Athersys, Inc. (the *Company*), the Company's stockholders approved and adopted the Athersys, Inc. Amended and Restated 2007 Long-Term Incentive Plan (Amended and Restated Effective June 18, 2013) (the *Plan*). The purpose of the amendment and restatement was to increase the aggregate number of shares of the Company's common stock available for issuance under the Plan from 4,035,000 shares to 10,035,000 shares, to permit accelerated vesting of awards in the event of involuntary termination of a participant's employment by the Company without cause, and to clarify that restricted stock units may vest ratably over the restriction period. The description of the Plan is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Plan, a copy of which is being filed as Exhibit 10.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) *Exhibits.*

| Exhibit Number | Description |
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| 10.1 | Athersys, Inc. Amended and Restated 2007 Long-Term Incentive Plan (Amended and Restated Effective June 18, 2013) |

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 hereunto duly authorized.

ATHERSYS, INC.

By: /s/ Laura K. Campbell
Laura K. Campbell
Vice President of Finance

Date: June 18, 2013

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