

ALKERMES INC
Form 8-K
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**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): November 26, 2008

ALKERMES, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

PENNSYLVANIA

(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

1-14131

(Commission
File Number)

23-2472830

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

88 Sidney Street

Cambridge, Massachusetts

(Address of principal executive offices)

02139

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(617) 494-0171**

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Item 1.02 Termination of a Material Definitive Agreement

On November 26, 2008, Alkermes, Inc. (Alkermes) entered into a Termination Agreement (the Termination Agreement) with Cephalon, Inc. (Cephalon) pursuant to which the parties agreed to end their collaboration with respect to the Products (as such term is defined in the License and Collaboration Agreement), including VIVITROL® (naltrexone for extended-release injectable suspension). In summary, the parties have agreed as follows pursuant to the Termination Agreement:

The License and Collaboration Agreement effective as of June 23, 2005, as amended to date, between the parties (the License and Collaboration Agreement) and the Supply Agreement effective as of June 23, 2005, as amended to date, between the parties (the Supply Agreement) will be terminated effective December 1, 2008 (the Termination Date). As of the Termination Date, except as set forth below, Cephalon will no longer be responsible for the marketing and sale of VIVITROL in the U.S.

Alkermes will purchase from Cephalon the Product Manufacturing Equipment and other Capital Improvements (as such terms are defined in the Supply Agreement) for a purchase price of sixteen million dollars (\$16,000,000) within thirty (30) days of the Termination Date.

Cephalon will pay Alkermes eleven million dollars (\$11,000,000) within thirty (30) days of the Termination Date in lieu of performing Cephalon's obligations, set forth in the License and Collaboration Agreement, to continue to market and sell VIVITROL in the U.S. for a one-year period after providing notice of termination and to pay Distributable Losses (as such term is defined in the License and Collaboration Agreement) during this period. Alkermes will be responsible for all losses incurred by it with respect to VIVITROL.

In consideration of Alkermes agreeing to assume the risks and responsibilities associated with the marketing and sale of VIVITROL in the U.S., Cephalon will forgo the receipt of all royalties payable by Alkermes to Cephalon under Section 13.4.2 of the License and Collaboration Agreement.

Through December 31, 2008, certain designated employees of Cephalon will continue to perform services for Alkermes. Alkermes will pay Cephalon for Cephalon's actual costs relating to the provision of those employees.

For a period of six (6) months following the Termination Date, in order to facilitate the transfer of Commercialization (as such term is defined in the License and Collaboration Agreement) of VIVITROL to Alkermes, Cephalon, at Alkermes' request, will perform certain services for Alkermes. Alkermes will pay Cephalon its costs for provision of certain of these services.

The foregoing is a summary of the material terms of the Termination Agreement and does not purport to be complete.

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Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

On December 1, 2008, Alkermes revised its financial expectations for fiscal year 2009 in connection with the termination of its collaborative arrangement with Cephalon regarding the marketing and sale of VIVITROL, as set forth in Item 1.02 above. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1. This information, including Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Exchange Act, or incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit

No. Description

99.1 Press release issued by Alkermes, Inc. dated December 1, 2008 announcing termination of the License and Collaboration Agreement with Cephalon and revised fiscal year 2009 financial expectations.

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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.

ALKERMES, INC.

Date: December 1, 2008

By: /s/ James M. Frates
James M. Frates
Senior Vice President, Chief Financial
Officer and Treasurer

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