

MAP Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
Form 8-K
February 13, 2009

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): February 11, 2009

MAP PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction

001-33719
(Commission

20-0507047
(IRS Employer

of Incorporation)

File Number)

Identification No.)

2400 Bayshore Parkway, Suite 200, Mountain View, CA
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

94043
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (650) 386-3100

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report.)

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Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers**

On February 11, 2009, the Compensation Committee of MAP Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (the Company) approved the following actions relating to certain of the executive officers of the Company.

2008 Cash Bonus Payments

The Compensation Committee approved the following cash bonus payments to the Chief Executive Officer and the four next most highly compensated executive officers in 2008 (the Named Executive Officers) for achieving objectives that were established by the Compensation Committee in early 2008. The performance-based cash bonus plan for 2008 for the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Financial Officer and the Chief Scientific Officer consisted of payment of a percentage of year-end base salary based 100% on Company achievement of corporate objectives; for the Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary and the Senior Vice President, Corporate and Business Development, the performance-based cash bonus plan was based 75% on Company achievement of corporate objectives as well as 25% on individual performance. For the Named Executive Officers, the approximate percentage of year-end base salary actually paid under the 2008 performance-based cash bonus plan is as follows: for the Chief Executive Officer, 42%; for the Chief Financial Officer, 29%; for the Chief Scientific Officer, 29%; for the Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary, 30%; and for the Senior Vice President, Corporate and Business Development, 29%. The bonuses also include payment of additional, discretionary amounts, based on recognition by the Compensation Committee of additional contributions made by certain Named Executive Officers during 2008. The Compensation Committee approved the following bonus payments to the Named Executive Officers:

Executive Officer	Title	Bonus
Timothy S. Nelson	President and Chief Executive Officer	\$ 198,000
Christopher Y. Chai	Chief Financial Officer	\$ 88,603
Thomas A. Armer, Ph.D.	Chief Scientific Officer	\$ 94,413
Charlene A. Friedman	Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary	\$ 90,944
Anastasios E. Gianakakos	Senior Vice President, Corporate and Business Development	\$ 91,035

Performance-Based Cash Bonus Plan for 2009

The Compensation Committee also approved a performance-based cash bonus plan for the executive officers of the Company, including the Named Executive Officers. For 2009, the Chief Executive Officer is eligible for an annual performance-based cash bonus with a target of 50% of his annual base salary. The Named Executive Officers other than the Chief Executive Officer are eligible for annual performance-based cash bonuses with a target of 35% of their respective annual base salaries. For the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Financial Officer and the Chief Scientific Officer, the performance-based cash bonus is based 100% on the achievement of corporate bonus objectives as approved by the Compensation Committee. For the Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary and the Senior Vice President, Corporate and Business Development, the performance-based cash bonus is based 75% on the achievement of corporate bonus objectives and 25% on the achievement of individual objectives. The corporate bonus objectives are: for the Company's lead product candidates, objectives relating to the conduct of clinical trials and operational and manufacturing activities; objectives relating to expansion of potential product offerings; objectives related to presentation of scientific papers and articles; and objectives related to the management of our budget. The individual bonus objectives are: for the Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary, objectives relating to providing legal services to the Company and its functional areas and, for the Senior Vice President, Corporate and Business Development, objectives relating to activities in support of our collaboration with AstraZeneca, and other business development activities.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: February 13, 2009

MAP PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

By: /s/ Charlene A. Friedman
Name: Charlene A. Friedman
Title: Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary