

AVI BIOPHARMA INC  
Form 8-K  
July 12, 2012

**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): July 10, 2012**

**Sarepta Therapeutics, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Oregon**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**001-14895**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**93-0797222**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

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**3450 Monte Villa Parkway, Suite 101**

**Bothell, WA 98021**

**(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)**

**(425) 354-5038**

**(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)**

**AVI BioPharma, Inc.**

**(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)**

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

**Item 5.03 Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year.**

On July 11, 2012, Sarepta Therapeutics, Inc., formerly known as AVI BioPharma, Inc. ( Sarepta or the Company ), filed an amendment (the Amendment ) to its Fourth Restated and Amended Articles of Incorporation (the Articles of Incorporation ) with the Secretary of State of the State of Oregon to (i) change its name from AVI BioPharma, Inc. to Sarepta Therapeutics, Inc. and (ii) effect a 1-for-6 reverse stock split of its common stock.

As disclosed in Item 5.07 of this report, on July 10, 2012, Sarepta's shareholders, by an affirmative vote of at least a majority of the shares of common stock outstanding and entitled to vote on the matters, approved (i) a proposal authorizing the Company to amend Article I of its Articles of Incorporation to change its name from AVI BioPharma, Inc. to Sarepta Therapeutics, Inc. and (ii) a proposal authorizing the Company's board of directors (the Board ), in its discretion, to effect a reverse stock split of the Company's outstanding shares of common stock at any whole number ratio not less than 1-for-4 and not greater than 1-for-6. On July 10, 2012, the Board approved the reverse stock split and the 1-for-6 split ratio.

As a result of the reverse stock split, every six shares of the Company's pre-reverse split common stock will be converted automatically into one share of common stock. No fractional shares will be issued as a result of the reverse stock split, and shareholders who otherwise would be entitled to a fractional share will receive, in lieu thereof, a cash payment equal to the average closing price of the Company's common stock as quoted on NASDAQ for the five trading days immediately preceding July 11, 2012, multiplied by the number of shares of pre-split common stock held by the shareholder that would otherwise have been exchanged for such fractional share. Also, as a result of the reverse stock split, the number of the authorized shares of the Company's common stock and preferred stock will be reduced automatically and proportionately. The reverse stock split will not alter the par value of the Company's common stock or preferred stock or modify any voting rights or other terms of the Company's common stock or preferred stock. Proportional adjustments will be made to shares of the Company's common stock issuable upon exercise or conversion of the Company's outstanding warrants and stock options and the applicable per share exercise price or conversion price of such securities in accordance with their terms.

In connection with the name change, the Company's ticker symbol on NASDAQ was changed from AVII to SRPT, effective as of July 12, 2012.

The Amendment is filed as Exhibit 3.1 to this report and is incorporated by reference herein.

**Item 5.07 Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.**

The following is a brief description of each matter voted upon at the Company's 2012 Annual Meeting of Shareholders (the 2012 Annual Meeting ) and the number of votes cast for, against or withheld, as well as the number of abstentions and broker non-votes, as to each such matter. The matters voted upon were as follows:

1. The election of four Group I directors for two-year terms.

| Name of Nominee           | For        | Withheld  | Broker Non-Votes |
|---------------------------|------------|-----------|------------------|
| Christopher Garabedian    | 60,517,054 | 2,352,775 | 53,685,158       |
| William Goolsbee          | 59,631,198 | 3,238,631 | 53,685,158       |
| Gil Price, M.D.           | 54,992,366 | 7,877,463 | 53,685,158       |
| Hans Wigzell, M.D., Ph.D. | 57,002,819 | 5,867,010 | 53,685,158       |

Pursuant to the foregoing votes, the nominees listed above were elected to serve on the Board. There were no additional director nominations brought before the meeting.

2. Approval of a proposal to change the Company's state of incorporation from Oregon to Delaware.

| For        | Against   | Abstain | Broker Non-Votes |
|------------|-----------|---------|------------------|
| 59,470,663 | 3,225,277 | 173,889 | 53,685,158       |

Approval of the proposal to change the Company's state of incorporation from Oregon to Delaware required the affirmative vote of at least 50% of the shares of common stock outstanding and entitled to vote on the matter. Of the shares of common stock actually voted on the proposal,

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approximately 95% approved the proposal to reincorporate in Delaware but the total affirmative votes received was only approximately 44% of the total shares of common stock entitled to vote. Therefore, the proposal to reincorporate in Delaware did not meet the minimum number of affirmative votes required to be approved.

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3. Approval of a proposal to change the Company's name from AVI BioPharma, Inc. to Sarepta Therapeutics, Inc.

| For         | Against    | Abstain | Broker Non-Votes |
|-------------|------------|---------|------------------|
| 104,286,234 | 11,619,167 | 649,586 | 0                |

Pursuant to the foregoing votes, the proposal to change the Company's name from AVI BioPharma, Inc. to Sarepta Therapeutics, Inc. was approved.

4. Approval of a proposal to amend the Company's Articles of Incorporation to effect a reverse stock split at any whole number ratio not less than 1-for-4 and not greater than 1-for-6, with the exact ratio to be set within such range in the discretion of the board of directors, and the related proportional decrease in the number of authorized shares of our common stock and preferred stock, to be effected in the sole discretion of the board of directors at any time prior to our next annual meeting of shareholders without further approval or authorization of our shareholders.

| For        | Against    | Abstain   | Broker Non-Votes |
|------------|------------|-----------|------------------|
| 93,284,765 | 16,766,307 | 6,503,915 | 0                |

Pursuant to the foregoing votes, the proposal to amend the Company's Articles of Incorporation to effect a reverse stock split was approved.

5. Approval of the 2011 compensation of the Company's named executive officers.

| For        | Against   | Abstain | Broker Non-Votes |
|------------|-----------|---------|------------------|
| 54,922,764 | 7,300,312 | 646,753 | 53,685,158       |

Pursuant to the foregoing votes, the 2011 compensation of the Company's named executive officers was approved.

6. Ratification of the selection of KPMG LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the current year ending December 31, 2012.

| For         | Against   | Abstain | Broker Non-Votes |
|-------------|-----------|---------|------------------|
| 113,637,455 | 2,148,202 | 769,330 | 19,188,800       |

Pursuant to the foregoing votes, the selection of KPMG LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending December 31, 2012 was ratified.

**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On July 12, 2012, the Company issued a press release announcing the name change and the 1-for-6 reverse stock split. A copy of the press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference herein.

**Item 9.01 Exhibits.**

| Exhibit No. | Description   |
|-------------|---|
| 3.1         | Amendment to Fourth Restated and Amended Articles of Incorporation. |
| 99.1        | Press release dated July 12, 2012.                                  |

**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.

**Sarepta Therapeutics, Inc.**

By: /s/ Christopher Garabedian  
Christopher Garabedian  
President and Chief Executive Officer

Date: July 12, 2012

**Exhibit Index**

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