

ARENA PHARMACEUTICALS INC
Form 8-K
January 29, 2009

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): January 23, 2009

Arena Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction

000-31161
(Commission

23-2908305
(I.R.S. Employer

of incorporation)

File Number)

Identification No.)

6166 Nancy Ridge Drive, San Diego, California 92121

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

858.453.7200

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

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

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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

In this report, Arena Pharmaceuticals, Arena, we, us and our refer to Arena Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and its wholly owned subsidiaries, unless the context otherwise provides.

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

On January 23, 2009, the Compensation Committee of our Board of Directors approved the 2009 Annual Incentive Plan and 2009 corporate and individual goals for executive officers.

2009 Annual Incentive Plan

Under the 2009 Annual Incentive Plan, each participant is assigned an incentive target that is expressed as a percentage of annual salary, and the participant's incentive award, if any, is based on the achievement of pre-established corporate and individual goals. All participants have the same corporate goals. Each of the corporate and individual goals are approved by the Compensation Committee or the Board.

Individual incentive awards are to be determined at the end of 2009 based upon level of goal achievement, the quality of achievement and the weighting of each goal. Eligible participants must be actively employed with us on the last day of 2009 to receive an incentive award, and the Compensation Committee may modify or adjust the annual incentive award. We and the Board can change or waive any provision in the incentive plan at any time, including, without limitation, its award formula, performance measures and payout schedule. The Compensation Committee and the Board have the right to exclude participants and exercise discretion, including canceling the plan or any earned awards. Participation in the incentive plan is not a guarantee of continued employment.

All executive officers are eligible to participate in the plan. The following table lists the named executive officers participating in the plan, their incentive target expressed as a percentage of their 2009 salary, and the relative weighting assigned to corporate and individual goals:

| Individual | Incentive Target | Relative Weighting | |
|---|------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| | | Corporate Goals | Individual Goals |
| Jack Lief, President and Chief Executive Officer | 55% | 75% | 25% |
| Dominic P. Behan, Ph.D., Senior Vice President and Chief Scientific Officer | 40% | 60% | 40% |
| Robert E. Hoffman, Vice President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer | 40% | 60% | 40% |
| William R. Shanahan, Jr., M.D., Vice President and Chief Medical Officer | 40% | 50% | 50% |
| Steven W. Spector, Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary | 40% | 60% | 40% |

A participant will not earn any award payment if the participant's weighted average combined corporate and individual goal completion is less than 50%. Total award payments are capped at 125% of the incentive target.

2009 corporate and individual goals

The Compensation Committee, in consultation with the Board, approved specific corporate and individual goals for participants. The corporate goals for 2009 relate to the following categories: (i) progress and plans relating to internal clinical programs, including the achievement of publicly disclosed goals relating to our lorcaserin clinical program; (ii) progress of programs with partners; (iii) budget, finance, and financial controls and reporting; and (iv) progress and plans relating to research programs. Individual goals were tailored for each executive officer, and related to the following categories: (i) progress and plans relating to clinical and research programs; (ii) budget, finance, and financial controls and reporting; (iii) development and integration of new capabilities; (iv) compliance and risk mitigation; (v) corporate governance; (vi) corporate management and planning; (vii) strategic opportunities; (viii) intellectual property; and (ix) investor and analyst relations. Corporate and individual goals were intended to reflect a mix of short- and long-term performance objectives.

The above description is qualified in its entirety by reference to the 2009 Annual Incentive Plan attached hereto as Exhibit 10.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

10.1 2009 Annual Incentive Plan

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.

Date: January 29, 2009

Arena Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

By: /s/ Steven W. Spector
Steven W. Spector

Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

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