

MEDICINOVA INC
Form 425
December 15, 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): December 15, 2009

MEDICINOVA, INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

DELAWARE
(State or Other Jurisdiction

001-33185
(Commission File Number)

33-0927979
(IRS Employer

of Incorporation)

4350 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DRIVE, SUITE 950, SAN DIEGO, CA 92122

Identification No.)

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(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (858) 373-1500

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 8.01. Other Events.

On December 15, 2009, MediciNova, Inc. (MediciNova) and Avigen, Inc. (Avigen) issued a press release (the Press Release) confirming the previously announced deadline for Avigen stockholders to elect the merger consideration they will receive upon closing of the proposed merger of the companies. A copy of the Press Release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release dated December 15, 2009.

SIGNATURES

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

MEDICINOVA, INC.

Date: December 15, 2009

By: /s/ SHINTARO ASAKO
Name: **Shintaro Asako**
Title: **Chief Financial Officer**