

LA JOLLA PHARMACEUTICAL CO  
Form 8-K  
August 01, 2007

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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):

July 26, 2007

La Jolla Pharmaceutical Company

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

0-24274

33-0361285

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

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

6455 Nancy Ridge Drive, San Diego,  
California

92121

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(858) 452-6600

Not Applicable

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))



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

On July 26, 2007, the Board of Directors of La Jolla Pharmaceutical Company (the "Company") approved an amendment to Section 5.3(b) Severance Payment of the Chief Executive Officer Employment Agreement dated March 15, 2006, by and between, the Company and Deirdre Y. Gillespie, M.D., the Company's President and Chief Executive Officer. The Amendment to the Chief Executive Officer Employment Agreement is effective July 30, 2007 and increases the lump sum severance payment from one to one and one-half times Dr. Gillespie's then current annual base salary.

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**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.

La Jolla Pharmaceutical Company

*July 31, 2007*

By: */s/ Gail A. Sloan*

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*Name: Gail A. Sloan  
Title: Vice President of Finance and Secretary (Principal  
Accounting Officer)*