
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): December 14, 2012

ENZON PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)

0-12957
(Commission File Number)

22-2372868
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

20 Kingsbridge Road, Piscataway, New Jersey
(Address of principal executive offices)

8854
(Zip Code)

(732) 980-4500
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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:

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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 2.05 Costs Associated with Exit or Disposal Activities.

On December 17, 2012, Enzon Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (the “Company”) issued a press release announcing that its Board of Directors (the “Board”) has retained Lazard to act as a financial advisor in a review of the possible sale or disposition of one or more corporate assets, or a sale of the Company. The Company also announced that it plans to suspend its clinical development activities. The decision to engage Lazard and suspend the Company’s clinical development activities was authorized by the Board on December 14, 2012. A special committee of the Board was established on November 7, 2012 and will oversee this review.

In connection with its plans to suspend clinical development, the Company expects to reduce its workforce, which currently consists of approximately 43 employees, by approximately 15-20 employees. The Company estimates that it will incur approximately \$1.4 million in charges related to the reduction in force, all of which would result in cash expenditures for one-time employee termination benefits and associated costs. The Company expects to record the charges and complete the reduction in force in the first quarter of 2013.

A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated by reference into this Item 2.05.

This Item 2.05 contains forward-looking statements within the “safe harbor” provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. All statements contained in this Item 2.05, other than statements that are purely historical, are forward-looking statements, which can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as the words “believes,” “expects,” “may,” “will,” “should,” “potential,” “anticipates,” “plans,” or “intends” and similar expressions. These forward-looking statements should be read in conjunction with the forward-looking statements disclaimer included in the press release attached as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 8.01 Other Events.

Press Release

On December 17, 2012, the Company issued a press release announcing the matters described in the first paragraph of Item 2.05 of this Current Report on Form 8-K. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated by reference into this Item 8.01.

Research and Development Costs for the First Three Fiscal Quarters of 2012

In response to investor inquiries, the Company is disclosing further information regarding its research and development costs for the first three fiscal quarters of 2012. The table below sets forth the amount of such costs that related to each of the Company’s four compounds in human clinical development during such time (PEG-SN38 and mRNA antagonists targeting HIF-1 α , Survivin and the Androgen Receptor), as well as depreciation and other research and development costs.

<u>Category</u>	<u>Q1 2012</u>	<u>Q2 2012</u>	<u>Q3 2012</u>
		(in thousands)	
PEG-SN38	\$ 1,909	\$ 1,378	\$ 507
HIF-1 α antagonist	228	218	99
Survivin antagonist	157	41	62
Androgen Receptor antagonist	1,405	1,051	483
Depreciation	860	839	768
Other R&D costs - pipeline	2,355	2,146	2,034
Total research and development – pipeline costs	\$ 6,914	\$ 5,673	\$ 3,954

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit

No. Description

99.1 Press Release of Enzon Pharmaceuticals, Inc. dated December 17, 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.

ENZON PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.
(Registrant)

Date: December 20, 2012

By: /s/ Andrew Rackear
Name: Andrew Rackear
Title: Vice President and General Counsel

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Enzon to Review Asset Sales, Sale of the Company

Suspending Clinical Development with Goal to Maximize Value Returned to Shareholders

PISCATAWAY, N.J. – December 17, 2012 – Enzon Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (Nasdaq: ENZN) today announced that its Board of Directors has retained Lazard to act as financial advisor in a review of the possible sale or disposition of one or more corporate assets, or a sale of the Company. Based on clinical data on the androgen receptor program, Enzon plans to suspend clinical development with a goal to conserve capital and maximize value returned to shareholders. A special committee of Enzon's Board of Directors was established to oversee the review. There can be no assurance that the review will result in the consummation of any transactions.

Alex Denner, Chairman of the Board, commented: "The Board of Directors, following a review of the Company's assets and strategic direction, has determined that it is in the best interest of Enzon's shareholders to pursue a sale, in whole or in part, of the Company. In addition to a strong balance sheet and royalty revenues, Enzon's drug candidates and technologies offer the potential for a variety of transactions."

About Enzon

Enzon Pharmaceuticals, Inc. is a biotechnology company dedicated to the research and development of innovative therapeutics for patients with high unmet medical need. Enzon's drug-development programs utilize two platforms: Customized PEGylation Linker Technology (Customized Linker Technology®) and third-generation mRNA-targeting agents utilizing the Locked Nucleic Acid (LNA) technology. Enzon currently has three compounds in human clinical development and multiple novel mRNA antagonists in preclinical research. Enzon receives royalty revenues from licensing arrangements with other companies related to sales of products developed using its proprietary Customized Linker Technology. Further information about Enzon and this press release can be found on the Company's website at www.enzon.com.

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains, or may contain, forward-looking statements within the "safe harbor" provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. All statements contained in this press release, other than statements that are purely historical, are forward-looking statements, which can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as the words "believes," "expects," "may," "will," "should," "potential," "anticipates," "plans," or "intends" and similar expressions, including statements regarding the review of the possible sale or disposition of one or more corporate assets or a sale of the Company, statements regarding Enzon's plans to suspend clinical development, and statements regarding pursuing a sale, in whole or in part, of the Company.

Such forward-looking statements are based upon management's present expectations, objectives, anticipation, plans, hopes, beliefs, intentions or strategies regarding the future and are subject to known and unknown risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results, events or developments to be materially different from those indicated in such forward-looking statements. Such risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, uncertainty regarding the length or complexity of the process, the possibility that the process will not lead to any transaction, the potential that the process will distract Enzon's board of directors and management from Enzon's business, the potential that Enzon will incur significant expenses pursuing one or more transactions unsuccessfully, the risk that the process will impair Enzon's relationships with partners, suppliers and employees, the risk that announcements regarding the process will cause Enzon's stock price to decline, the risk of claims or other litigation arising from Enzon's pursuit of one or more transactions, and other risks and uncertainties that are contained in Enzon's filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, including Enzon's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011. These factors should be considered carefully and readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on such forward-looking statements. No assurance can be given that the future results covered by the forward-looking statements will be achieved. All information in this press release is as of the date of this press release and Enzon does not intend to update this information.