KING PHARMACEUTICALS INC Form 8-K September 11, 2008

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): September 11, 2008 (September 11, 2008) King Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Tennessee (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) **001-15875** (Commission File Number) **54-1684963** (I.R.S. Employer

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

37620

(Zip Code)

501 Fifth Street, Bristol, Tennessee (Address of Principal

Executive Offices)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (423) 989-8000

N/A

Former name or former address if changed since last report

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Item 8.01. Other Events.

On September 11, 2008, King Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (King) issued a press release announcing its proposal to acquire all of the outstanding shares of Class A Common Stock of Alpharma Inc. (Alpharma) and its intention to commence a tender offer for such shares. The proposal was communicated on September 11, 2008 in a letter to the Board of Directors of Alpharma. The press release announcing the proposal, including the full text of the proposal letter delivered to the Board of Directors of Alpharma, is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report and is incorporated herein by this reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

99.1 King Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Press Release, dated September 11, 2008.

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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.

KING PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

By: /s/ Joseph Squicciarino Joseph Squicciarino Chief Financial Officer

Date: September 11, 2008

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 - 99.1 King Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Press Release, dated September 11, 2008.