

RITA MEDICAL SYSTEMS INC
Form 8-K
December 08, 2006

**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 7, 2006**

RITA Medical Systems, Inc.
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

000-30959
(Commission File
Number)

94-3199149
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

46421 Landing Parkway, Fremont CA
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

94538
(Zip Code)

(510) 771-0400
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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 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))

Item 1.01 - Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On December 7, 2006, RITA Medical Systems, Inc., a Delaware corporation (“RITA”), AngioDynamics, Inc. (“AngioDynamics”), and Royal I, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and wholly owned subsidiary of AngioDynamics (“Merger Sub”), entered into Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement and Plan of Merger dated December 7, 2006 (the “Amendment”). The Amendment clarifies certain portions of the Agreement and Plan of Merger dated as of November 27, 2006 (the “Merger Agreement”) by and among AngioDynamics, Merger Sub and RITA pursuant to which AngioDynamics will acquire RITA.

The forgoing description of the Amendment and the Merger Agreement and the transactions contemplated thereby does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to each document. The Amendment is attached as Exhibit 2.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and the Merger Agreement is attached as Exhibit 2.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed by RITA with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 28, 2006.

Additional Information about the Merger and Where to Find It

In connection with the proposed merger, RITA and AngioDynamics intend to file relevant materials with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), and AngioDynamics has filed a registration statement on Form S-4 that contains a prospectus and a joint proxy statement. INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS OF ANGIODYNAMICS AND RITA ARE URGED TO READ THE MATERIALS WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT ANGIODYNAMICS, RITA AND THE PROPOSED MERGER. The proxy statement, prospectus and other relevant materials (when they become available), and any other documents filed by AngioDynamics or RITA with the SEC, may be obtained free of charge at the SEC’s web site at www.sec.gov. In addition, investors and security holders may obtain free copies of the documents filed with the SEC by AngioDynamics or RITA by directing a written request to: AngioDynamics, Inc., 603 Queensbury Avenue, Queensbury, New York 12804, Attention: Chief Financial Officer or RITA Medical Systems, Inc., 46421 Landing Parkway, Fremont, California 94538, Attention: Corporate Secretary. Investors and security holders are urged to read the proxy statement, prospectus and the other relevant materials when they become available before making any voting or investment decision with respect to the proposed merger.

AngioDynamics, RITA and their respective executive officers and directors may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from the stockholders of RITA and AngioDynamics in connection with the proposed merger. Information about those executive officers and directors of AngioDynamics and their ownership of common stock of AngioDynamics is set forth in AngioDynamics’ Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 3, 2006 (the “AngioDynamics’ 2006 10-K”), and the proxy statement for AngioDynamics’ 2006 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, which was filed with the SEC on September 22, 2006. Information about the executive officers and directors of RITA and their ownership of RITA common stock is set forth in the proxy statement for RITA’s 2006 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, which was filed with the SEC on April 28, 2006. Investors and security holders may obtain additional information regarding the direct and indirect interests of AngioDynamics, RITA and their respective executive officers and directors in the proposed merger by reading the proxy statement and prospectus regarding the proposed merger when it becomes available.

Forward-Looking Statements

This document and its attachments include “forward-looking statements” intended to qualify for the safe harbor from liability established by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Investors can identify these statements by the fact that they do not relate strictly to historical or current facts. These statements contain words such as “may,” “will,” “predict,” “project,” “might,” “expect,” “believe,” “anticipate,” “plan,” “intend,” “potential,” “could,” “would,” “should,” “estimate,” “continue,” “pursue,” or “our future success depends,” or the negative or other variations thereof or comparable terminology. In particular, they include statements relating to, among other things, future actions, strategies, future performance, future financial results of AngioDynamics and RITA and the proposed merger. These forward-looking statements are based on current expectations and projections about future events.

Investors are cautioned that forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance or results and involve risks and uncertainties that cannot be predicted or quantified and, consequently, the actual performance or results of AngioDynamics and RITA may differ materially from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Such risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, the following factors as well as other factors described from time to time in AngioDynamics’ and RITA’s reports filed with the SEC, including AngioDynamics’ 2006 10-K and RITA’s Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005: financial community and rating agency perceptions of AngioDynamics and RITA; the effects of economic, credit and capital market conditions on the economy in general, and on medical device companies in particular; the ability to timely and cost-effectively integrate RITA into AngioDynamics’ operations; domestic and foreign health care reforms and governmental laws and regulations; third-party relations and approvals, technological advances and patents attained by competitors; and challenges inherent in new product development, including obtaining regulatory approvals.

Any forward-looking statements are made pursuant to the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and, as such, speak only as of the date made. AngioDynamics and RITA disclaim any obligation to update the forward-looking statements. Investors are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements which speak only as of the date stated, or if no date is stated, as of the date of this document.

Item 9.01 - Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

| Exhibit No. | Description |
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| 2.1 | Amendment No. 1 to Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of December 7, 2006, by and among AngioDynamics, Inc., Royal I, LLC and RITA Medical Systems, Inc. (Incorporated by reference to Annex E of the joint proxy statement/prospectus filed as part of a Registration Statement on Form S-4 filed by AngioDynamics, Inc. with the SEC on December 8, 2006 (File No. 333-139195)) |

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.

RITA MEDICAL SYSTEMS, INC.

(Registrant)

Date: December 8, 2006

By: /s/ Michael D. Angel
Michael D. Angel
Chief Financial Officer

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