

SEQUENOM INC  
Form 425  
January 14, 2009

**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): January 14, 2009

**SEQUENOM, INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

**DELAWARE**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction

of Incorporation)

**000-29101**  
(Commission

File Number)  
**3595 JOHN HOPKINS COURT**

**77-0365889**  
(I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)

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SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA 92121

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(858) 202-9000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K 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 January 14, 2009, Sequenom, Inc. announced via press release Sequenom's intention to make an exchange offer to acquire all of the outstanding shares of common stock of EXACT Sciences Corporation. The press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Important Information**

This Current Report on Form 8-K (including Exhibit 99.1 hereto) does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities or a solicitation of any vote or approval. This disclosure relates to a transaction with EXACT Sciences proposed by Sequenom, which is intended to become the subject of a registration statement and Schedule TO filed with the SEC. This material is not a substitute for the prospectus or Schedule TO Sequenom intends to file with the SEC regarding the proposed transaction or for any other document which Sequenom may file with the SEC and send to EXACT Sciences shareholders in connection with the proposed transaction. INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS OF SEQUENOM AND EXACT SCIENCES ARE URGED TO READ ANY SUCH DOCUMENTS FILED WITH THE SEC CAREFULLY IN THEIR ENTIRETY WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION.

Investors and security holders will be able to obtain free copies of any documents filed with the SEC by Sequenom through the website maintained by the SEC at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). Free copies of any such documents can also be obtained by directing a request to the Sequenom Investor Relations Department, Sequenom, Inc. 3595 John Hopkins Court, San Diego, CA 92121.

**Forward-Looking Statements**

*Except for the historical information contained herein, the matters set forth in this Current Report, and Exhibit 99.1, including statements regarding Sequenom's intention to make an exchange offer to acquire the outstanding common stock of EXACT Sciences, including the anticipated terms and conditions of the proposed transaction, the anticipated benefits of the proposed transaction to Sequenom and the shareholders of EXACT Sciences, Sequenom's future growth, Sequenom's integration-related risks and ability to complete the transaction without cooperation from EXACT Sciences' management or Board of Directors and the business challenges and risks facing EXACT Sciences, are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the "safe harbor" provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties that may cause actual results to differ materially, including the risks and uncertainties associated with the timing and uncertainty of closing a transaction on the proposed terms or at all, the integration of acquired companies, the uncertainty of realizing expected synergies and benefits from acquisitions, the risks of unknown costs of acquisitions, Sequenom's and EXACT Sciences' operating performance, demand for and market acceptance of Sequenom's and EXACT Sciences' products, services, and technologies, new technology and product development and commercialization particularly for new technologies, reliance upon the collaborative efforts of other parties, research and development progress, competition, intellectual property protection, government regulation, obtaining or maintaining regulatory approvals, and other risks detailed from time to time in Sequenom's and EXACT Sciences' SEC filings, including Sequenom's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007 and other documents subsequently filed with or furnished to the SEC. These forward-looking statements are based on current information that may change and you are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of this Current Report. All forward-looking statements are qualified in their entirety by this cautionary statement, and Sequenom undertakes no obligation to revise or update any forward-looking statement to reflect events or circumstances after the issuance of this Current Report.*

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

**Exhibit**

Number	Description
99.1	Press release, dated January 14, 2009.

**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.

SEQUENOM, INC.

By: /s/ Clarke W. Neumann  
Clarke W. Neumann  
Vice President and General Counsel

Date: January 14, 2009

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