

MERRIMACK PHARMACEUTICALS INC
Form 8-K
June 19, 2014

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): June 17, 2014

Merrimack Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction

of Incorporation

001-35409
(Commission

File Number)

04-3210530
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

One Kendall Square, Suite B7201

Cambridge, MA

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

02139

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (617) 441-1000

(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))

Item 1.02. Termination of a Material Definitive Agreement.

On June 17, 2014, Merrimack Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (Merrimack) and Sanofi agreed to terminate the License and Collaboration Agreement, dated as of September 30, 2009 and amended on February 18, 2011, between the parties (the Agreement). The Agreement had established a worldwide collaboration between the parties for the development and commercialization of Merrimack s MM-121 product candidate.

In connection with the termination of the Agreement, among other things:

Sanofi delivered to Merrimack one-hundred eighty (180) days advance notice of termination of the Agreement. As a result, the Agreement is scheduled to terminate on December 17, 2014 unless Merrimack exercises its right to accelerate such date;

Sanofi will transfer ownership of the investigational new drug application for MM-121 to Merrimack in early July 2014, earlier than otherwise required; and

Merrimack waived Sanofi s obligation to reimburse Merrimack for certain MM-121 development costs incurred after December 17, 2014.

Based on information provided in a Schedule 13G filed by Sanofi on April 2, 2012, Sanofi holds 5,217,391 shares, or approximately 5.0%, of Merrimack s outstanding common stock. In addition, Merrimack and Sanofi are parties to a right of review agreement, which is described in Merrimack s Annual Report on Form 10-K for year ended December 31, 2013.

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.

MERRIMACK PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

Date: June 19, 2014

By: /s/ Jeffrey A. Munsie
Jeffrey A. Munsie
Vice President and General Counsel