

GILEAD SCIENCES INC
Form 8-K
November 19, 2003

**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): **November 10, 2003**

GILEAD SCIENCES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or
organization)

0-19731

(Commission File Number)

94-3047598

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

333 LAKESIDE DRIVE, FOSTER CITY, CALIFORNIA

(Address of principal executive offices)

94404

(Zip Code)

(650) 574-3000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS AND REQUIRED FD DISCLOSURE.

On November 13, 2003, it was announced that a purported class action complaint had been filed on November 10, 2003 in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California against Gilead Sciences, Inc. (the Company) and the Company's Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Executive Vice Presidents of Operations and Research and Development, and Senior Vice Presidents of Manufacturing and Research. The complaint alleges that the defendants violated the federal securities laws, specifically Sections 10(b) and 20(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 10b-5 of the Securities and Exchange Commission, by making certain alleged false and misleading statements. The plaintiff seeks unspecified damages on behalf of a purported class of purchasers of the Company's securities during the period from July 14, 2003 through October 28, 2003. The company is aware that similar actions have subsequently been filed against the same defendants and the Company anticipates that additional actions may be filed in the future. The Company believes that it has meritorious defenses to the allegations contained in the complaint and intends to defend the case vigorously. No trial date has been scheduled.

This Form 8-K contains forward-looking statements. For this purpose, any statements contained in this Form 8-K that are not statements of historical fact may be deemed to be forward-looking statements, including statements related to future results in any litigation. Words such as anticipates, believes, intends and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from the results indicated by such forward-looking statements. Important factors that could cause results to differ include, but are not limited to, whether the Company will be able to successfully defend any lawsuit, including the purported securities class action, the inherent uncertainties and risks of litigation that may cause the Company to review and alter its litigation strategy and the risk of potential adverse rulings in any litigation. The Company does not undertake any obligation to update forward-looking statements.

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.

GILEAD SCIENCES, INC.

Dated: November 18, 2003

By: */s/* Mark L. Perry
Mark L. Perry
Executive Vice President, Operations