

ALNYLAM PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.
Form 8-K
March 06, 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): March 6, 2014 (March 5, 2014)

Alnylam Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction

of Incorporation)

000-50743
(Commission
File Number)

77-0602661
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

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300 Third Street, Cambridge, MA
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

02142
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (617) 551-8200

Not applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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 (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 2.01. Completion of Acquisition or Disposition of Assets.

On March 5, 2014, pursuant to a Stock Purchase Agreement (the Agreement) with Sirna Therapeutics, Inc. (Sirna), Merck Sharp & Dohme Corp. (Seller) and, for limited purposes, Merck & Co., Inc. (Merck), Alnylam Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (the Company) completed its previously announced acquisition of all of Seller's right, title and interest in and to all of the outstanding shares of common stock, par value \$.01 per share, of Sirna. At the closing, the Company paid to Seller \$25.0 million in cash consideration and issued to Seller 2,142,037 shares of the Company's common stock, par value \$.01 per share (Company Common Stock). The Company will issue an additional 378,007 shares of Company Common Stock to Seller upon the completion of certain technology transfer activities. The issuance of Company Common Stock pursuant to the Agreement did not involve a public offering and was therefore exempt from registration under Section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act).

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On March 6, 2014, the Company issued a press release, a copy of which is being furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Report on Form 8-K, announcing the closing of the Company's acquisition of Sirna. The information in this Item 7.01 and Exhibit 99.1 attached hereto is intended to be furnished and shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Exchange Act) or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act or the Exchange Act, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit

| No. | Document |
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| 99.1 | Press Release issued by the Company, dated March 6, 2014 |

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.

ALNYLAM PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

Date: March 6, 2014

By: /s/ Michael P. Mason
Michael P. Mason

Vice President, Finance and Treasurer

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