GENTA INC DE/ Form 8-K January 05, 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 5, 2009

GENTA INCORPORATED

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

0-19635 33-0326866

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

200 Connell Drive Berkeley Heights, NJ **07922** (Zip Code)

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(908) 286-9800

(Registrant s Telephone Number, Including Area Code) (Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 8.01 Other Events.

On January 5, 2009, Genta Incorporated, (the Company), announced that that the Company has received notice from the U.S Food and Drug Administration (FDA) that tesetaxel, the latest addition to Genta's oncology product portfolio, has been granted designation as an Orphan Drug for treatment of patients with advanced gastric cancer. Orphan drug status provides for a period of marketing exclusivity, certain tax benefits, and an exemption from certain fees upon submission of a New Drug Application. As a late Phase 2 agent, the Company believes tesetaxel is the leading oral taxane currently in clinical development.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit		
Number	Description	
99.1	Press Release of the Company dated January 5, 2009	

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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.

GENTA INCORPORATED

Date: January 5, 2009 By: /s/ GARY SIEGEL

Name: Gary Siegel

Title: Vice President, Finance

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