

Nile Therapeutics, Inc.
Form 8-K
June 23, 2008

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, 2008

NILE THERAPEUTICS, INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-34058
(Commission
File Number)
115 Sansome Street, Suite 310

88-0363465
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

San Francisco, California 94104

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(415) 875-7880

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

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(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 1.01. Entry Into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On June 17, 2008, Nile Therapeutics, Inc., a Delaware corporation, or Nile, entered into a Technology License Agreement, or the Agreement, with Mayo Foundation for Medical Education and Research, a Minnesota charitable corporation, or Mayo. Under the terms of the Agreement, Mayo granted to Nile a worldwide, exclusive license for the rights to commercially develop CU-NP for all therapeutic indications. Nile also has the rights to improvements to CU-NP and know-how that arise out of the laboratory of Dr. John Burnett and Dr. Candace Lee, the inventors of CU-NP, until June 16, 2011.

Nile agreed to expend reasonable amounts to conduct a research and commercial development program to commercialize a product developed from the patent, to pursue diligently worldwide regulatory approval of a product, and to commence marketing within six months following regulatory approval of the product in the United States. To the extent Nile enters into sublicensing agreements relating to CU-NP, Nile agreed that any sublicense agreement will be at least as favorable to Mayo for the protection of their rights and the limitation of their liability exposure as the terms of the Agreement, that such sublicense would contain all rights and obligations due to Mayo under this Agreement, and to name Mayo as a third party beneficiary to the sublicense. Nile will be responsible for each sub-licensee's adherence to the terms of the Agreement and a breach of a sub-license agreement by a sub-licensee will constitute a breach by Nile.

Under the terms of the Agreement, Nile made an up-front cash payment to Mayo. Additionally, Mayo will receive performance-based cash payments upon successful completion of clinical and regulatory milestones relating to CU-NP, including a milestone payment due in connection with the initiation of the first Phase II clinical trial of a product. Additional milestone payments will occur upon other events. Pursuant to the Agreement, Nile must also pay Mayo an annual maintenance fee and a percentage of net sales of licensed products. Nile is also responsible for all applicable taxes based on the product, use of the patents or the import of products.

In addition to the cash payments described above, Nile has also agreed to issue certain amounts and types of equity to Mayo. Initially, Nile has agreed to issue a number of shares of Nile's Common Stock having a fair market value as June 13, 2008 equal to \$250,000 based on a 20-day volume-weighted average price. The shares issued to Mayo are not subject to anti-dilution protection and, like all of Nile's shares of Common Stock, will be diluted over time if Nile issues additional shares. Additionally, Dr. Burnett has applied for funding through Mayo's Discovery-Translation Program. In the event Dr. Burnett is awarded funding through this program, and the funding is used for the development of a product based on the patents, Nile has agreed to grant to Mayo a equivalent dollar value in stock warrants to purchase Nile's Common Stock. The number of warrants will be calculated using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model. The warrants will include a cashless exercise provision with language to be negotiated in good faith between the parties.

Nile must report royalties to Mayo and Mayo retains certain audit rights to review records pertaining to these royalties. Nile has also agreed to indemnify Mayo and retain a certain level of insurance for this purpose. Mayo has the sole right to decide on which patents to obtain an extension.

The foregoing is a summary of the material terms of the Agreement and does not purport to be complete. You should read the complete Agreement, which shall be attached as an exhibit to Nile's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2008. Nile will seek confidential treatment for certain terms of the Agreement at the time of filing such Quarterly Report.

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On June 18, 2008, Nile issued a press release in connection with the Agreement with Mayo. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press Release of Nile Therapeutics, Inc. dated June 18, 2008.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, hereunto duly authorized.

Date: June 23, 2008

NILE THERAPEUTICS, INC.

By: /s/ Peter M. Strumph

Name: Peter M. Strumph

Title: Chief Executive Officer

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