
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): July 23, 2008

Biogen Idec Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

0-19311

(Commission
file number)

33-0112644

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

14 Cambridge Center, Cambridge, Massachusetts

(Address of principal executive offices)

02142

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code **(617) 679-2000**

Not Applicable

(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))
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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers

On July 23, 2008, the Board of Directors of Biogen Idec Inc. (the “Company”) increased the size of the Company’s Board of Directors to 13 members and elected Brian S. Posner as a Class 1 director (term expires in 2010) to fill the resulting vacancy, effective immediately. Mr. Posner will serve as a member of the Finance and Audit Committee of the Board.

Upon his appointment to the Board, Mr. Posner was awarded an initial grant of stock options to purchase 35,000 shares of the Company’s common stock, an additional grant of stock options to purchase 4,900 shares of the Company’s common stock and a grant of 1,750 restricted stock units, each under the Biogen Idec Inc. 2006 Non-Employee Directors Equity Plan.

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.

Biogen Idec Inc.

By: /s/ Robert A. Licht

Robert A. Licht

Vice President and Assistant Secretary

Date: July 24, 2008