
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): December 10, 2009

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

Marijn E. Dekkers has resigned from the Board of Directors of Biogen Idec Inc. effective December 31, 2009. He will become the CEO of Bayer HealthCare and will join the Management Board of Bayer AG on January 1, 2010.

Bruce R. Ross will retire from the Biogen Idec Board at the end of his current term, which expires at the 2010 annual meeting of stockholders. Mr. Ross will step down as Chairman of the Biogen Idec Board, and William D. Young has been elected by the Biogen Idec Board to serve as Chairman beginning January 1, 2010.

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
Senior Vice President

Date: December 10, 2009