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AKORN INC Form 8-K December 20, 2002

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: DECEMBER 20, 2002 (DATE OF EARLIEST EVENT REPORTED)

AKORN, INC.

(EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER)

LOUISIANA
STATE OR OTHER JURISDICTION
OF INCORPORATION

0-13976 (COMMISSION FILE NUMBER) 72-0717400 (I.R.S. EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NO.)

2500 MILLBROOK DRIVE
BUFFALO GROVE, ILLINOIS 60089
(Address of principal executive offices)

(847) 279-6100

(REGISTRANT'S TELEPHONE NUMBER, INCLUDING AREA CODE)

Item 5. Other Events

On December 18, 2002, Akorn, Inc. ("Akorn") was notified by Dr. John Kapoor, Akorn Chairman and CEO of his resignation as CEO effective immediately. Dr. Kapoor will retain his position with the company as Chairman.

On December 20 2002, Akorn issued a press release related to this action. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit

Number

Description

99.1 Press Release dated December 20, 2002.

SIGNATURE

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

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AKORN, INC.

By: /s/ Bernard J. Pothast Bernard J. Pothast, Chief Financial

Officer

Dated: December 20, 2002

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