

Raptor Pharmaceutical Corp
Form 8-K
May 01, 2012

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): April 30, 2012

RAPTOR PHARMACEUTICAL CORP.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Delaware | 000-25571 | 86-0883978 |
| (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) | (Commission File Number) | (IRS Employer Identification No.) |

9 Commercial Blvd., Suite 200, Novato, California 94949
(Address of principal executive offices and Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (415) 382-8111

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- 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 April 30, 2012, Raptor Pharmaceutical Corp., a Delaware corporation (the “Company”), entered into a Sales Agreement (the “Sales Agreement”) with Cowen and Company, LLC (“Cowen”) to sell shares of the Company’s common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, with aggregate gross sales proceeds of up to \$40,000,000, from time to time, through an “at the market” equity offering program under which Cowen will act as sales agent (the “Offering”).

Under the Sales Agreement, the Company will set the parameters for the sale of shares, including the number of shares to be issued, the time period during which sales are requested to be made, limitation on the number of shares that may be sold in any one trading day and any minimum price below which sales may not be made. Subject to the terms and conditions of the Sales Agreement, Cowen may sell the shares by methods deemed to be an “at the market” offering as defined in Rule 415 promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”), including sales made through The Nasdaq Global Market, on any other existing trading market for the common stock or to or through a market maker. In addition, if expressly authorized by the Company, Cowen may also sell shares in privately negotiated transactions. Cowen will use commercially reasonable efforts in conducting such sales activities consistent with its normal trading and sales practices and applicable state and federal laws, rules and regulations and the rules of The Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc. The Sales Agreement may be terminated by the Company upon prior notice to Cowen or by Cowen upon prior notice to the Company, or at any time under certain circumstances, including but not limited to the occurrence of a material adverse change in the Company.

The Sales Agreement provides that Cowen will be entitled to compensation for its services in an amount equal to 3.0% of the gross proceeds from the sales of shares sold through Cowen under the Sales Agreement. The Company has no obligation to sell any shares under the Sales Agreement, and may at any time suspend solicitation and offers under the Sales Agreement. The Company has agreed in the Sales Agreement to provide indemnification and contribution to Cowen against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act.

The shares will be issued pursuant to the Company’s shelf registration statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-179215). The Company filed a prospectus supplement (the “Prospectus Supplement”), dated April 30, 2012, with the Securities and Exchange Commission in connection with the offer and sale of the shares pursuant to the Sales Agreement.

The foregoing description of the Sales Agreement is not complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of such agreement, a copy of which is filed herewith as Exhibit 1.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

The legal opinion of Paul Hastings LLP relating to the shares of common stock being offered is filed as Exhibit 5.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On April 30, 2011, the Company issued a press release announcing the Offering.

A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

| Exhibit No. | Description |
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| 1.1 | Sales Agreement, dated as of April 30, 2012, between Raptor Pharmaceutical Corp. and Cowen and Company, LLC. |
| 5.1 | Opinion of Paul Hastings LLP. |
| 23.1 | Consent of Paul Hastings LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1). |
| 99.1 | Press release dated April 30, 2012. |

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.

RAPTOR PHARMACEUTICAL CORP.

Date: April 30, 2012

By: /s/ Kim R. Tsuchimoto
Name: Kim R. Tsuchimoto
Title: Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer and
Secretary

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