

SIGA TECHNOLOGIES INC
Form 8-K
September 19, 2008

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): September 18, 2008

SIGA TECHNOLOGIES, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

0-23047
(Commission file number)

13-3864870
(I.R.S. employer
identification no.)

420 Lexington Avenue, Suite
408
New York, New York
(Address of principal
executive offices)

10170
(Zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (212) 672-9100

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 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On September 18, 2008, SIGA Technologies, Inc., a Delaware corporation (“SIGA”), issued a press release announcing that it has received an additional \$20 million from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease (“NIAID”), a division of the National Institutes of Health, to accelerate development of ST-246, SIGA’s lead drug candidate, for a therapeutic indication. The Office of the Biomedical Advance Research and Development Authority, Department of Health and Human Services, has provided this funding to NIAID to advance research and development of biodefense products such as ST-246. This additional funding will be supplemental funding for SIGA’s existing \$16.5 million contract with NIAID and will be used to accelerate process development related to large-scale manufacturing and packaging of the drug and commercial-scale validation. ST-246 is a potent, non-toxic inhibitor of orthopoxviruses that is in advanced development efforts to obtain regulatory approval.

A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1, which is incorporated into this Item 8.01 by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

ExhibitDescription
No.

99.1 Press Release, dated September 18, 2008.

SIGNATURE

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.

SIGA TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

By: /s/ Thomas N. Konatich
Name: Thomas N. Konatich
Title: Chief Financial Officer

Date: September 19, 2008