

CELL THERAPEUTICS INC
Form 8-K
April 16, 2007

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 11, 2007

CELL THERAPEUTICS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Washington
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

001-12465
(Commission File Number)

91-1533912
(I.R.S. Employer

Identification Number)

501 Elliott Avenue West, Suite 400

Seattle, Washington 98119

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (206) 282-7100

Not applicable

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

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Section 1 Registrant's Business and Operations

Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On April 11, 2007, Cell Therapeutics, Inc. (the Corporation) entered into a letter agreement with Rodman & Renshaw, LLC, as placement agent (the Engagement Letter), relating to the proposed offering of shares of the Corporation's Series B 3% Convertible Preferred Stock and warrants to purchase shares of the Corporation's common stock to investors. A copy of the Engagement Letter is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.1.

In addition, the Corporation entered into a Securities Purchase Agreement, dated as of April 11, 2007 (the Purchase Agreement) by and among the Corporation and the purchasers introduced to the Corporation by the placement agent signatory thereto (the Investors). Pursuant to the Purchase Agreement, the Corporation agreed to issue to the Investors 37,200 shares of its Series B 3% convertible preferred stock, no par value (the Convertible Preferred Stock) in a registered offering at an issue price of \$1,000 per share and warrants to purchase an additional 2,763,731 shares of the Corporation's common stock, no par value (the Common Stock) at an exercise price of \$6.48 per share (the Warrants and, together with the Convertible Preferred Stock and the shares of Common Stock issuable upon the conversion or exercise of the Convertible Preferred Stock or the Warrants, the Securities). The issuance of the Securities pursuant to the Purchase Agreement is subject to certain closing conditions.

The Warrants will not be exercisable until six months after the date of issuance. The Warrants will terminate on the second anniversary of the date upon which the Warrants become exercisable. The Warrants will be exercisable, at the option of each holder, upon the surrender of the Warrants to us and the payment of the exercise price of the shares of Common Stock being acquired and are governed by the terms of a Common Stock Purchase Warrant, to be dated as of the closing date, by and between the Corporation and each Investor in the form attached hereto as Exhibit 4.2 (the Warrant Agreement).

With the exception of any shares of the Company's common stock issuable upon exercise of the Warrants, the Securities are registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, on the Corporation's previously filed and effective Registration Statement on Form S-3/A (File No. 333-131533) (the Registration Statement). The Corporation filed a base prospectus and a prospectus supplement relating to the issuance and sale of the Securities (other than the shares underlying the Warrants) with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 13, 2007. The shares issuable upon exercise of the Warrants are not currently registered, however, the Company has agreed to use its best efforts to register those shares prior to the date that the Warrants are first exercisable.

The descriptions of terms and conditions of the Engagement Letter, Purchase Agreement and Warrant Agreement set forth herein do not purport to be complete and are qualified in their entirety by the full text of the Engagement Letter, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.1 and incorporated herein by reference, the Purchase Agreement, the form of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 10.1 and incorporated herein by reference, and the Warrant Agreement, the form of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 4.2 and incorporated by reference herein.

The Corporation knows of no material relationship between the Corporation or its affiliates and the Investors other than in respect of the Purchase Agreement. The corporation knows of no material relationship between the Corporation or its affiliates and the placement agent other than in respect of the Engagement Letter.

Attached as Exhibit 5.1 is the opinion of Heller Ehrman LLP relating to the validity of the issuance and sale of the Convertible Preferred Stock and Warrants and the issuance of the shares of the Common Stock upon conversion or exercise of the Convertible Preferred Stock or Warrants.

Section 3 Securities and Trading Markets.

Item 3.03. Material Modification to Rights of Security Holders.

On April 16, 2007, the Company filed Articles of Amendment (the Articles of Amendment) to its Articles of Incorporation with the Secretary of State of the State of Washington, establishing its Series B 3% Convertible Preferred Stock (the Series B Preferred) in connection with its public offering of the Securities pursuant to the Registration Statement. The terms of the Series B Preferred restrict the payment of dividends on the Common Stock unless the Corporation has paid or set aside the cumulative dividends then owed on the Series B Preferred. In addition, each share of Series B Preferred is entitled to a liquidation preference equal to the stated value of such holder's shares of Series B Preferred plus any accrued and unpaid dividends and other payments that may be due on the shares before the holders of the Common Stock or any other junior securities of the Corporation receive any payments upon such liquidation, subject to any prior rights of the Series A 3% Convertible Preferred Stock. The terms and conditions of the Series B Preferred are described under the heading Description of Series B 3% Convertible Preferred Stock in the prospectus supplement to the prospectus included in the Registration Statement. The foregoing description of the rights, preferences and privileges of the Series B Preferred does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by the full text of Articles of Amendment, which are attached hereto as Exhibit 3.4.2 and incorporated by reference herein.

Section 5 Corporate Governance and Management

Item 5.03. Amendment to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year.

On April 16, 2007, the Company filed Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation (the Articles of Incorporation) reflecting an increase in the authorized shares of the Company and an increase in the authorized common shares of the Company. This amendment was approved by the Company's shareholders at a special meeting held at the Company's headquarters on April 10, 2007. Following a previously announced one-for-four reverse stock split, which was effective April 15, 2007, the Company now has authorized 110,000,000 shares of capital stock, of which 100,000,000 are authorized as common stock of the Company. The Articles of Incorporation, which were effective as of April 16, 2007, are attached to this Form 8-K as Exhibit 3.4.1.

On April 16, 2007, the Company also filed the Articles of Amendment related to the Series B Preferred, a copy of which is filed herewith as Exhibit 3.4.2 and incorporated herein by reference. The Articles of Amendment, which are effective as of April 16, 2007, establish and designate the Series B Preferred and the rights, preferences and privileges thereof, a description of which may be found under the heading Description of Series B 3% Convertible Preferred Stock in the prospectus supplement to the prospectus included in the Registration Statement.

Section 7 Regulation FD

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

The information provided pursuant to this Item 7.01 shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Exchange Act) or incorporated by reference into those filings of the Corporation that provide for the incorporation of all reports and documents filed by the Corporation under the Exchange Act. The information furnished pursuant to this Item 7.01 shall instead be deemed furnished.

On April 12, 2007, the Corporation issued a press release announcing the pricing of its public offering of the shares of Convertible Preferred Stock and warrants sold under the Registration Statement. A copy of this press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 8.01. Other Events.

In October 2004, the Corporation announced that the United States Attorney's Office, or USAO, for the Western District of Washington had initiated an investigation into certain of its business practices relating to TRISENOX, a product which it sold to Cephalon, Inc. for aggregate gross consideration of \$71.9 million in July 2005. The Corporation reached an oral agreement in principle with USAO regarding the material terms of a settlement related to the USAO's investigation. As disclosed in previous public filings, claims associated with this investigation as well as related conduct have been filed against the Corporation under seal on behalf of the government by a private party in a qui tam action. The final terms and details of this settlement are subject to change and pending the completion and execution of a definitive settlement agreement between the Corporation and the USAO, but the Corporation understands that the agreement in principle is that it will make a single payment of \$10.5 million to the USAO, plus interest accrued since the date of reaching an agreement in principle, in return for a release of all government claims in connection with the qui tam action and related matters. The Corporation would not make any admission of wrongdoing as part of this settlement. There is no guarantee that the Corporation will be able to complete a definitive settlement agreement on the terms of the oral agreement in principle or at all. This settlement does not address separate claims brought against the Corporation by the private party plaintiff in such matters, which generally relate to attorney's fees and employment related claims. The Corporation believes that the claims related to wrongful termination are without merit.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

The following exhibits are attached with this report on Form 8-K:

- 1.1 Letter Agreement, dated April 11, 2007, by and between the Corporation and Rodman & Renshaw, LLC
- 3.4.1 Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of the Corporation
- 3.4.2 Articles of Amendment to the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of the Corporation

- 4.1 Form of Series B 3% Convertible Preferred Stock Certificate
- 4.2 Form of Warrant
- 5.1 Opinion of Heller Ehrman LLP
- 10.1 Form of Securities Purchase Agreement
- 12.1 Statement Regarding Computation of Earnings to Fixed Charges and Preferred Stock Dividends
- 99.1 Press Release dated April 12, 2007

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.

Date: April 16, 2007

CELL THERAPEUTICS, INC.

By: /s/ LOUIS A. BIANCO
Louis A. Bianco
Executive Vice President, Finance and
Administration

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