

Shire plc  
Form 425  
October 15, 2014

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D. C. 20549

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**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): **October 14, 2014**

**ABBVIE INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**001-35565**  
(Commission File Number)

**32-0375147**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

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**1 North Waukegan Road**  
**North Chicago, Illinois 60064-6400**

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(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(847) 932-7900**

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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 8.01. Other Events.**

On October 14, 2014, AbbVie Inc. ( AbbVie ) issued a press release announcing that it has notified Shire plc ( Shire ) of the AbbVie board of directors' intention to reconsider the recommendation made on July 18, 2014 that AbbVie stockholders adopt the merger agreement needed to complete the proposed combination of AbbVie and Shire. At this time, AbbVie's board of directors has not withdrawn or modified its recommendation to AbbVie stockholders.

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

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

Exhibit No.	Exhibit
99.1	Press Release, dated October 14, 2014

**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.

**ABBVIE INC.**

Date: October 14, 2014

By:

/s/ LAURA J. SCHUMACHER  
Laura J. Schumacher  
Executive Vice President, Business Development,  
External Affairs and General Counsel

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Exhibit</b>
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