

MANHATTAN PHARMACEUTICALS INC

Form 8-K

June 22, 2009

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): June 16, 2009

Manhattan Pharmaceuticals, Inc.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

001-32639  
(Commission File Number)

36-3898269  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

48 Wall Street, Suite 1110  
New York, New York 10005  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(212) 582-3950  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not applicable  
(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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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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 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

Effective June 16, 2009, Douglas Abel resigned from his positions as Chief Executive Officer and President and as an employee of Manhattan Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (the "Company") and was appointed as Chairman of the Company's Board of Directors. In addition to his role as Chairman of the Board, Mr. Abel will provide consulting services to the Company.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 – Press release, dated June 16, 2009.

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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.

MANHATTAN PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

Date: June 16, 2009

By: /s/ Michael G. McGuinness  
Michael G. McGuinness  
Chief Operating and Financial Officer

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