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May 07, 2008

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): May 7, 2008

NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Delaware | 0-24006 | 94-3134940 |
| (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) | (Commission File Number) | (IRS Employer Identification No.) |

201 Industrial Road
San Carlos, California 94070
(Address of principal executive offices and Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (650) 631-3100

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:

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Position

On May 7, 2008, Nektar Therapeutics issued a press release (the "Press Release") announcing its financial results for the quarter ended March 31, 2008. A copy of the Press Release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1.

The information in this report, including the exhibit hereto, is being furnished and shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section or Sections 11 and 12(a)(2) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. The information contained herein and in the accompanying exhibit shall not be incorporated by reference into any filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission made by Nektar Therapeutics, whether made

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before or after the date hereof, regardless of any general incorporation language in such filing.

On April 30, 2008, the company announced that it would hold a conference call on May 7, 2008 to review financial results for the quarter ended March 31, 2008. On this conference call, management expects to make certain forward-looking statements regarding the market potential and revenue potential to the company for partnered product programs, the clinical development status and certain pre-clinical and clinical results from its proprietary product development programs, and management's financial guidance for 2008 and the amount of certain payments and expenses related to particular areas of the company's business. These forward-looking statements involve substantial risks and uncertainties including but not limited to: (i) the market sizes and revenue potential of partnered product programs are management's estimates only and actual results may differ materially; (ii) the overall market size for the partnered product programs and revenue and profit contribution potential to the company will depend upon successful sales and marketing efforts by our partners, competition from competing therapies (if any), government and private insurance reimbursement, changing standards of care, commercial product profile and final product pricing; (iii) the timing or success of the commencement or end of clinical trials and commercial launch of partnered products may be delayed or unsuccessful due to slower than anticipated patient enrollment, drug manufacturing challenges, changing standards of care, clinical trial design, clinical outcomes, or delay or failure in obtaining regulatory approval in one or more important markets; (iv) clinical trials are long, expensive and uncertain processes and the risk of failure of any product that is in clinical development and prior to regulatory approval remains high and can occur at any stage due to efficacy, safety or other factors; (v) management's financial projections for the company's 2008 cash used in operations and 2008 end of year cash position are subject to the significant risk of unplanned revenue short-falls or unplanned expenses which could adversely affect the company's financial results and cash position; (vi) the company's patent applications for its proprietary or partner product candidates may not issue, patents that have issued may not be enforceable, or intellectual property licenses from third parties may be required in the future; (vii) the outcome of any existing or future intellectual property or other litigation related to the company's proprietary product candidates; and (viii) certain other risks and uncertainties set forth in the company's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 29, 2008 and the company's most recent Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q to be filed on or prior to May 12, 2008.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press release titled "Nektar Therapeutics Announces First Quarter 2008 Financial Results" issued on May 7, 2008.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirement of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

By: /s/ Gil M. Labrucherie

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Gil M. Labrucherie
General Counsel and Secretary

Date: May 7, 2008