

AbbVie Inc.
Form 8-K
May 27, 2015

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 26, 2015**

ABBVIE INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)

001-35565
(Commission file number)

32-0375147
(I.R.S. employer identification no.)

1 North Waukegan Road
North Chicago, Illinois 60064-6400

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

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

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Not Applicable

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

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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 May 26, 2015, AbbVie Inc. (AbbVie) entered into an accelerated share repurchase agreement (the agreement) with Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC (Morgan Stanley) to repurchase \$5.0 billion (the prepayment amount) of AbbVie s common stock. Morgan Stanley is expected to make an initial delivery of approximately 68 million shares of AbbVie s common stock on May 27, 2015, which represents 90% of the prepayment amount *divided by* the closing price of AbbVie s common stock on May 26, 2015.

At settlement of the agreement, Morgan Stanley may be required to deliver additional shares of AbbVie s common stock to AbbVie or, under certain circumstances, AbbVie may be required to deliver shares of its common stock or may elect to make a cash payment to Morgan Stanley. The total number of shares of AbbVie s common stock to be repurchased under the agreement will be based on the daily volume-weighted average price of AbbVie s common stock during the term of the transaction, less a discount and subject to adjustment pursuant to the terms of the agreement. The final settlement of the transactions under the agreement is expected to occur before the end of the fourth quarter of 2015 and may be accelerated at the option of Morgan Stanley.

This agreement was entered into pursuant to AbbVie s previously disclosed share repurchase authorization and in connection with AbbVie s previously announced acquisition of Pharmacyclics, Inc., which was completed on May 26, 2015.

Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995

A Caution Concerning Forward-Looking Statements

Some statements in this Form 8-K may be forward-looking statements for purposes of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. The statements in this release are based upon current expectations and are subject to certain risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those described in the forward-looking statements. These risks and uncertainties include risks and uncertainties related to, among other things: general economic and business conditions, global economic growth and activity; industry conditions; changes in laws or regulation; developments in the U.S. or global capital markets, credit markets or economies generally that could significantly impact AbbVie s ability to implement, or realize the benefits of, the accelerated stock repurchase as currently planned; and other factors beyond AbbVie s control as well as the risk factors and other cautionary statements described in AbbVie s filings with the SEC. Additional information about the economic, competitive, governmental, technological and other factors that may affect AbbVie s operations is set forth in Item 1A, Risk Factors, in AbbVie s 2014 Annual Report on Form 10-K, which has been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. AbbVie undertakes no obligation to release publicly any revisions to forward-looking statements as a result of subsequent events or developments, except as required by law.

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: May 27, 2015

By:

/s/ William J. Chase

Title:

Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer