

ABIOMED INC
Form 8-K
October 14, 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: October 10, 2008

(Date of earliest event reported)

ABIOMED, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

0-20584

(Commission File Number)

22 Cherry Hill Drive

Danvers, MA 01923

(Address of Principal Executive Offices, including Zip Code)

(978) 777-5410

(Registrant's Telephone Number, including Area Code)

Not Applicable

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(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

As previously announced, on October 1, 2008, we mutually agreed that our chief financial officer, Daniel J. Sutherby, would resign his position. In connection with Mr. Sutherby's resignation, on October 10, 2008 we entered into a separation and release agreement with Mr. Sutherby, pursuant to which we have agreed to continue his salary and benefits for six months. Mr. Sutherby has agreed to be available to us during this time period, to assist us in the transitioning of his duties.

SIGNATURES

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 thereunto duly authorized.

ABIOMED, Inc.

By: /s/ Michael R. Minogue

Michael R. Minogue

President and Chief Executive Officer

Date: October 14, 2008