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BIOGEN IDEC INC. Form 8-K July 16, 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): July 15, 2009 Biogen Idec Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware0-1931133-0112644(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)(Commission
file number)(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

14 Cambridge Center, Cambridge, Massachusetts

02142

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code (617) 679-2000

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 (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

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- o 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

As disclosed by Biogen Idec Inc. in a press release issued on July 16, 2009, Phillip A. Sharp, Ph.D. retired from the Board of Directors of Biogen Idec Inc., effective July 15, 2009.

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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 hereunto duly authorized.

Biogen Idec Inc.

By: /s/ Robert A. Licht Robert A. Licht Senior Vice President

Date: July 16, 2009