

NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS
Form 10-K/A
April 30, 2015

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 10-K/A

Amendment No. 1

ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934.

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014

or

TRANSITION REPORTS PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934.

For the transition period from to

Commission File Number: 0-24006

NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

94-3134940
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

455 Mission Bay Boulevard South
San Francisco, California 94158
(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

415-482-5300
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

| Title of Each Class | Name of Each Exchange on Which Registered |
|----------------------------------|--|
| Common Stock, \$0.0001 par value | NASDAQ Global Select Market |

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

None

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes No

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days) Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§ 232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes No

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K (§ 229.405) is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

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(Check one):

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller reporting company

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Exchange Act Rule 12b-2) Yes No

The approximate aggregate market value of voting stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant, based upon the last sale price of the registrant's common stock on the last business day of the registrant's most recently completed second fiscal quarter, June 30, 2014, as reported on the NASDAQ Global Select Market, was approximately \$1,625,943,780. This calculation excludes approximately 457,759 shares held by directors and executive officers of the registrant. Exclusion of these shares does not constitute a determination that each such person is an affiliate of the registrant.

As of April 23, 2015, the number of outstanding shares of the registrant's common stock was 131,526,201.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Portions of registrant's definitive Proxy Statement to be filed for its 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders are incorporated by reference into Part III hereof. Such Proxy Statement will be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission within 120 days of the end of the fiscal year covered by this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Nektar Therapeutics (the Company) is filing this Amendment No. 1 to its Annual Report on Form 10-K (this Amendment) for the year ended December 31, 2014, which was originally filed on February 26, 2015 (Original Filing), to amend and restate in its entirety the Item 5 of Part II of the Original Filing. The Original Filing inadvertently included a graph depicting the five-year comparison of cumulative return for the period of 2008 to 2013 rather than 2009 to 2014. The only change in this Amendment is to replace that comparison graph with the updated comparison graph from 2009 to 2014.

Pursuant to Rule 12b-15 promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (Exchange Act), this Amendment amends and restates in its entirety Item 5 of Part II of the Original Filing and contains new certifications pursuant to Rule 13a-14 promulgated under the Exchange Act. This Amendment contains only the sections and exhibits to the Original Filing that are being amended and restated, and those unaffected parts or exhibits are not included herein. This Amendment continues to speak as of the date of the Original Filing, and the Company has not updated the disclosure contained therein to reflect events that have occurred since the filing of the Original Filing. Accordingly, this Amendment should be read in conjunction with the Original Filing and the Company's other filings, if any, made with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission subsequent to the filing of the Original Filing, including the amendments to those filings, if any.

PART II**Item 5. Market for Registrant's Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities**

Our common stock trades on The NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol NKTR. The table below sets forth the high and low closing sales prices for our common stock as reported on The NASDAQ Global Select Market during the periods indicated.

| | High | Low |
|---|-------------|------------|
| <i>Year Ended December 31, 2013:</i> | | |
| 1st Quarter | \$ 11.06 | \$ 7.54 |
| 2nd Quarter | 11.70 | 8.83 |
| 3rd Quarter | 13.96 | 10.45 |
| 4th Quarter | 12.56 | 8.96 |
| <i>Year Ended December 31, 2014:</i> | | |
| 1st Quarter | \$ 14.96 | \$ 11.68 |
| 2nd Quarter | 14.31 | 10.53 |
| 3rd Quarter | 14.48 | 10.55 |
| 4th Quarter | 17.05 | 12.07 |

Holders of Record

As of February 20, 2015, there were approximately 212 holders of record of our common stock.

Dividend Policy

We have never declared or paid any cash dividends on our common stock. We currently expect to retain any future earnings for use in the operation and expansion of our business and do not anticipate paying any cash dividends on our common stock in the foreseeable future.

There were no sales of unregistered securities and there were no common stock repurchases made during the year ended December 31, 2014.

Securities Authorized for Issuance Under Equity Compensation Plans

Information regarding our equity compensation plans as of December 31, 2014 is disclosed in Item 12 Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters of this Annual Report on Form 10-K and is incorporated herein by reference from our proxy statement for our 2015 annual meeting of stockholders to be filed with the SEC pursuant to Regulation 14A not later than 120 days after the end of the fiscal year covered by this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Performance Measurement Comparison

The material in this section is being furnished and shall not be deemed filed with the SEC for purposes of Section 18 of the Exchange Act or otherwise subject to the liability of that section, nor shall the material in this section be deemed to be incorporated by reference in any registration statement or other document filed with the SEC under the Securities Act or the Exchange Act, except as otherwise expressly stated in such filing.

The following graph compares, for the five-year period ended December 31, 2014, the cumulative total stockholder return (change in stock price plus reinvested dividends) of our common stock with (i) the NASDAQ Composite Index, (ii) the NASDAQ Pharmaceutical Index, (iii) the RGD SmallCap Pharmaceutical Index, (iv) the NASDAQ Biotechnology Index and (v) the RDG SmallCap Biotechnology Index. Measurement points are the last trading day of each of our fiscal years ended December 31, 2010, December 31, 2011, December 31, 2012, December 31, 2013 and December 31, 2014. The graph assumes that \$100 was invested on December 31, 2009 in the common stock of the Company, the NASDAQ Composite Index, the Nasdaq Pharmaceutical Index, the RGD SmallCap Pharmaceutical Index, the NASDAQ Biotechnology Index and the RDG SmallCap Biotechnology Index and assumes reinvestment of any dividends. The stock price performance in the graph is not intended to forecast or indicate future stock price performance.

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| 3.5(6) | Amended and Restated Bylaws of Nektar Therapeutics. |
| 4.1 | Reference is made to Exhibits 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, and 3.5. |
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| 4.3(8) | Indenture dated July 11, 2012 by and between Nektar Therapeutics and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, including the form of 12.0% Senior Secured Note due 2017. |
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- 10.19(15) Settlement Agreement and General Release, dated June 30, 2006, by and between The Board of Trustees of the University of Alabama, The University of Alabama in Huntsville, Nektar Therapeutics AL Corporation (a wholly-owned subsidiary of Nektar Therapeutics), Nektar Therapeutics and J. Milton Harris.
- 10.20(14) Co-Development, License and Co-Promotion Agreement, dated August 1, 2007, between Nektar Therapeutics (and its subsidiaries) and Bayer Healthcare LLC, as amended.+
- 10.21(1) Exclusive Research, Development, License and Manufacturing and Supply Agreement, by and among Nektar AL Corporation, Baxter Healthcare SA, and Baxter Healthcare Corporation, dated September 26, 2005, as amended.+
- 10.22(1) Exclusive License Agreement, dated December 31, 2008, between Nektar Therapeutics, a Delaware corporation, and Novartis Pharma AG, a Swiss corporation.+
- 10.23(14) Supply, Dedicated Suite and Manufacturing Guarantee Agreement, dated October 29, 2010, by and among Nektar Therapeutics, Amgen Inc. and Amgen Manufacturing, Limited.+
- 10.24(16) License Agreement by and between AstraZeneca AB and Nektar Therapeutics, dated September 20, 2009.+
- 10.25(7) 12% Senior Secured Notes due 2017 Purchase Agreement dated July 3, 2012, by and among Nektar Therapeutics and the purchasers named therein.
- 10.26(18) Pledge and Security Agreement dated July 11, 2012 as amended by the Amendment to Pledge and Security Agreement dated as of February 28, 2013, by and between Nektar Therapeutics and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association.
- 10.27(8) Escrow and Deposit Account Control Agreement dated July 11, 2012 among Nektar Therapeutics, Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as collateral agent, and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as escrow agent.
- 10.28(17) Purchase and Sale Agreement, dated as of February 24, 2012, between Nektar Therapeutics and RPI Finance Trust.+
- 10.29(18) Amendment No. 1 to License Agreement dated as of August 8, 2013, by and between Nektar Therapeutics and AstraZeneca AB.+
- 10.30(19) Term Loan and Security Agreement dated as of October 7, 2013, by and between Nektar Therapeutics, as borrower, and AstraZeneca AB, as lender and as agent.
- 21.1(20) Subsidiaries of Nektar Therapeutics.
- 23.1(20) Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.
- 24 Power of Attorney (reference is made to the signature page).
- 31.1(21) Certification of Nektar Therapeutics principal executive officer required by Rule 13a-14(a) or Rule 15d-14(a).
- 31.2(21) Certification of Nektar Therapeutics principal financial officer required by Rule 13a-14(a) or Rule 15d-14(a).
- 32.1* Section 1350 Certifications.
- 101** The following materials from Nektar Therapeutics Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014, formatted in XBRL (Extensible Business Reporting Language): (i) Consolidated Balance Sheets, (ii) Consolidated Statements of Operations, (iii) Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Loss, (iv) Consolidated Statements of Stockholders' Equity, (v) Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows, and (vi) Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

- + Confidential treatment with respect to specific portions of this Exhibit has been requested, and such portions are omitted and have been filed separately with the SEC.
- ++ Management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement.
- * Exhibit 32.1 is being furnished and shall not be deemed to be filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liability of that section, nor shall such exhibit be deemed to be incorporated by reference in any registration statement or other document filed under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Exchange Act, except as otherwise stated in such filing.
- ** XBRL information is filed with Nektar Therapeutics Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014.
- (1) Incorporated by reference to the indicated exhibit in Nektar Therapeutics Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008.
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- (8) Incorporated by reference to the indicated exhibit in Nektar Therapeutics Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on July 11, 2012.
- (9) Incorporated by reference to the indicated exhibit in Nektar Therapeutics Registration Statement on Form S-8 (No. 333-98321), filed on August 19, 2002.
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- (20) Incorporated by reference to the indicated exhibit in Nektar Therapeutics Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014.
- (21) Filed herewith.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to 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, in the City and County of San Francisco, State of California on April 30, 2015.

By: /s/ JOHN NICHOLSON
John Nicholson

Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

By: /s/ JILLIAN B. THOMSEN
Jillian B. Thomsen

*Senior Vice President, Finance and Chief
Accounting Officer*

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KNOW ALL PERSON BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints John Nicholson and Jillian B. Thomsen and each of them, as his or her true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for him or her and in his or her name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments to this Annual Report on Form 10-K and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents and each of them, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in connection therewith, as fully to all intents and purposes as he or she might or could do in person, hereby ratify and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents, or any of them, or their or his or her substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, this report has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated:

| Signature | Title | Date |
|---|--|----------------|
| /s/ HOWARD W. ROBIN Howard W. Robin | Chief Executive Officer, President and Director (Principal Executive Officer) | April 30, 2015 |
| /s/ JOHN NICHOLSON John Nicholson | Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer) | April 30, 2015 |
| /s/ JILLIAN B. THOMSEN Jillian B. Thomsen | Senior Vice President, Finance and Chief Accounting Officer (Principal Accounting Officer) | April 30, 2015 |
| /s/ * Robert B. Chess | Director, Chairman of the Board of Directors | April 30, 2015 |
| /s/ * R. Scott Greer | Director | April 30, 2015 |
| /s/ * Joseph J. Krivulka | Director | April 30, 2015 |
| /s/ * Christopher A. Kuebler | Director | April 30, 2015 |
| /s/ * Lutz Lingnau | Director | April 30, 2015 |
| /s/ * Susan Wang | Director | April 30, 2015 |
| /s/ * Roy A. Whitfield | Director | April 30, 2015 |

Dennis L. Winger

*By: /s/ JILLIAN B. THOMSEN

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- (17) Incorporated by reference to the indicated exhibit in Nektar Therapeutics Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2012.
- (18) Incorporated by reference to the indicated exhibit in Nektar Therapeutics Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2013.
- (19) Incorporated by reference to the indicated exhibit in Nektar Therapeutics Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013.
- (20) Incorporated by reference to the indicated exhibit in Nektar Therapeutics Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014.
- (21) Filed herewith.