
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): February 24, 2010

MannKind Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

000-50865

(Commission File Number)

13-3607736

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

**28903 North Avenue Paine
Valencia, California**

(Address of principal executive offices)

91355

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(661) 775-5300**

N/A

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K 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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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

(d) On February 24, 2010, our Board of Directors elected James S. Shannon, M.D., MRCP (UK), as a director effective immediately. Dr. Shannon has not been appointed to any standing committee of our Board of Directors but has been appointed to serve on an *ad hoc* committee. Dr. Shannon will receive compensation for his service as a director in accordance with our compensation policies for non-employee directors, which are described under “Compensation of Directors” in our proxy statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 10, 2009. Dr. Shannon will be offered the opportunity to enter into an indemnity agreement with us in substantially the form filed as an exhibit to our registration statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-115020), filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 30, 2004, as amended. We are not aware of any transaction with Dr. Shannon requiring disclosure under Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Company has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

MANKIND CORPORATION

By: /s/ David Thomson

Name: David Thomson, Ph.D., J.D.

Title: Corporate Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

Dated: March 1, 2010