RIGEL PHARMACEUTICALS INC Form 8-K December 13, 2007

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): December 13, 2007

RIGEL PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

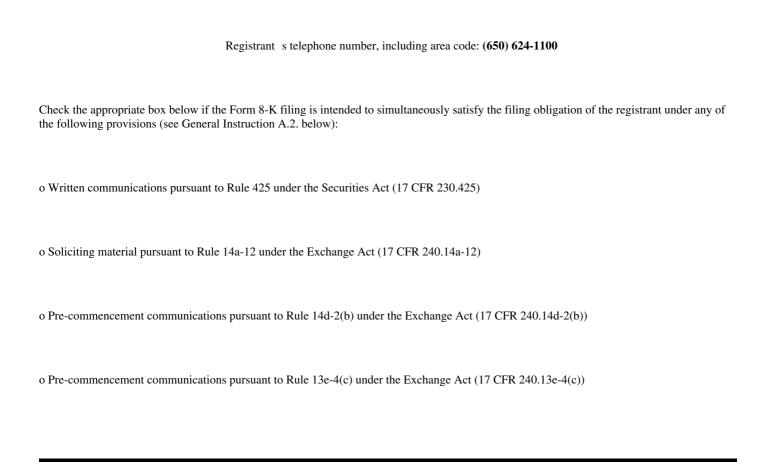
0-29889 (Commission File No.)

94-3248524 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

1180 Veterans Boulevard

South San Francisco, CA 94080

(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)



ITEM 8.01. OTHER EVENTS.

On December 13, 2007, Rigel Pharmaceuticals, Inc. announced the results of its Phase 2 clinical study of R788, an oral Syk kinase inhibitor, in patients with Rheumatoid Arthritis. The press release dated December 13, 2007, entitled Rigel s R788 Demonstrates Significant Improvement in Rheumatoid Arthritis in Phase 2 Clinical Study, is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference herein.

Neither the filing of the press release as an exhibit to this Current Report on Form 8-K nor the inclusion in that press release of a reference to Rigel s internet address shall, under any circumstances, be deemed to incorporate the information available at that internet address into this Current Report on Form 8-K. The information available at Rigel s internet address is not part of this Current Report on Form 8-K or any other report filed by Rigel with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press Release, dated December 13, 2007, entitled Rigel s R788 Demonstrates Significant Improvement in Rheumatoid Arthritis in Phase 2 Clinical Study.

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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.

RIGEL PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

Dated: December 13, 2007

By: /s/ Dolly A. Vance

Dolly A. Vance

Senior Vice President, General Counsel,

Corporate Secretary

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