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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): April 27, 2007

SANGAMO BIOSCIENCES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant specified in its charter)

Delaware

000-30171

68-0359556

(State or other
jurisdiction of
incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

501 Canal Blvd, Suite A100, Richmond, California

94804

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone, including area code: (510) 970-6000

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

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Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On April 27, 2007, Sangamo BioSciences, Inc. ("Sangamo") entered into a Research and License Agreement (the "Agreement") with Genentech, Inc. ("Genentech"), pursuant to which Sangamo will provide Genentech with access to Sangamo's certain proprietary zinc-finger nuclease ("ZFN") technology for use in mammalian cell-based protein pharmaceutical production.

Under the Agreement, Sangamo agrees to develop, validate, and optimize ZFNs capable of making certain targeted modifications to the genome of Genentech cell lines. Upon successful development of such ZFNs, Sangamo will transfer these ZFNs and the modified cell lines to Genentech and will provide technical support to Genentech with respect to the use of the transferred ZFN technology. If successful, Genentech may use Sangamo's ZFNs to generate cell lines with novel characteristics for protein pharmaceutical production purposes. In addition, Genentech has the right to generate the same targeted modifications in the Genentech cell lines using either Sangamo's ZFN technology or any other technology that is covered by Sangamo's intellectual property rights.

In consideration for the rights and licenses granted to Genentech, as well as Sangamo's development efforts, Genentech will pay Sangamo an upfront fee, an ongoing technology access fee, and certain payments upon achievement of specified milestones relating to the research of ZFNs and the development and commercialization of products manufactured using a modified cell line created by

ZFN technology or other technology covered by Sangamo's intellectual property rights

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

On April 30, 2007, the Company issued a press release announcing the transaction described in Item 1.01 above. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits. The following document is filed as exhibits to this report:

99.1 Press Release of Sangamo Biosciences, Inc., dated April 30, 2007

SIGNATURES

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

SANGAMO BIOSCIENCES, INC.

Date: April 30, 2007

By: _____

Name: Edward O. Lanphier
Title: Chief Executive Officer

Sangamo BioSciences Announces Research and License Agreement With Genentech for ZFP Technology for Protein Pharmaceutical Production

RICHMOND, Calif., April 30 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Sangamo BioSciences, Inc. (Nasdaq: SGM0) today announced that it had entered into a Research and License Agreement with Genentech, Inc. Under this agreement, Sangamo will provide Genentech with access to Sangamo's proprietary zinc finger DNA-binding protein (ZFP) technology and will design and engineer ZFP nucleases (ZFN(TM)) for Genentech to evaluate and potentially use to generate cell lines with novel characteristics for protein pharmaceutical production purposes. Financial terms of the agreement were not disclosed.

"We are very pleased to be able to provide Genentech, a leader in the discovery, development, commercialization and manufacturing of biotherapeutics, with a non-exclusive, research and commercial license to certain aspects of our ZFP technology," said Edward Lanphier, Sangamo's president and chief executive officer. "We have engineered ZFNs to facilitate the efficient generation of production cell lines with altered traits. Our technology has the potential to change the speed and efficiency of cell engineering to meet the increased demand for proteins in a variety of industries including pharmaceutical protein manufacturing."

ZFPs are the dominant class of naturally occurring transcription factors in organisms from yeast to humans. Transcription factors, which are found in the nucleus of every cell, bind to DNA to regulate gene expression. Though there are many kinds of transcription factors, only ZFPs are amenable to engineering and precise targeting to a particular gene or genes of interest. ZFNs are engineered forms of ZFPs that also contain a nuclease component, which can induce modification of a target gene of interest.

About Sangamo BioSciences, Inc.

Sangamo BioSciences, Inc. is focused on the research and development of novel DNA-binding proteins for therapeutic gene regulation and modification. The most advanced ZFP Therapeutic(TM) development program is currently in Phase 2 clinical trials for evaluation of safety and clinical effect in patients with diabetic neuropathy. Phase 1 clinical trials are ongoing to evaluate a ZFP Therapeutic for peripheral artery disease. Other therapeutic development programs are focused on HIV/AIDS, neuropathic pain, cancer, nerve regeneration, ischemic heart disease and monogenic diseases. Sangamo's core competencies enable the engineering of a class of DNA-binding proteins known as zinc finger DNA-binding proteins (ZFPs). By engineering ZFPs that recognize a specific DNA sequence Sangamo has created ZFP transcription factors (ZFP TF(TM)) that can control gene expression and, consequently, cell function. Sangamo is also developing sequence-specific ZFP Nucleases (ZFN(TM)) for therapeutic gene modification as a treatment for a variety of monogenic diseases, such as X-linked SCID and hemophilia, and for infectious diseases, such as HIV. Sangamo has established several Enabling Technology Agreements with companies to apply its ZFP Technology to enhance the production of protein pharmaceuticals. Research at Sangamo is partially funded by an Advanced Technology Program (ATP) grant awarded by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). For more information about Sangamo, visit the company's web site at <http://www.sangamo.com/> .

This press release may contain forward-looking statements based on Sangamo's current expectations. These forward-looking statements include, without limitation, references to the research and development of novel ZFP TFs and ZFNs, clinical trials and therapeutic applications of Sangamo's ZFP technology platform. Actual results may differ materially from these forward-looking statements due to a number of factors, including technological challenges, Sangamo's ability to develop commercially viable products and technological developments by our competitors. See the company's SEC filings, and in particular, the risk factors described in the company's Annual Report on Form 10-K and its most recent 10-Q. Sangamo assumes no obligation to update the forward-looking information contained in this press release.

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