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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): November 30, 2004

SANGAMO BIOSCIENCES, INC.

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(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware

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(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

000-30171

68-0359556

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(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

501 Canal Blvd, Suite A100

Richmond, California 94804

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(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

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(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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Item 8.01 Other Events

On November 30, 2004, Sangamo BioSciences Inc. issued a press release announcing that the company had been granted a United States patent (U.S. Patent No. 6,824,978) entitled "Regulation of Endogenous Gene Expression in Cells Using Zinc Finger Proteins." The patent covers the activation or repression of any endogenous gene in any cell or organism using engineered zinc finger DNA-binding proteins (ZFPs) and broadens Sangamo's coverage of the uses of engineered ZFPs to include delivery of ZFP Therapeutics as recombinant proteins.

A copy of the press release issued by Sangamo BioSciences, Inc. relating to the issuing of this patent is filed as an exhibit to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits. The following material is filed as an exhibit to this Current Report on Form 8-K:

Exhibit No.

99.1 Press Release Issued November 30, 2004.

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.

DATE: November 30, 2004

SANGAMO BIOSCIENCES, INC.

By: /s/ EDWARD O. LANPHIER II

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Edward O. Lanphier II  
President, Chief Executive Officer

Sangamo BioSciences Granted U.S. Patent Covering Protein Formulations of Engineered Zinc Fingers

Claims Broaden Sangamo's Coverage to Include the Delivery of Protein-Based ZFP Therapeutics

RICHMOND, Calif., Nov. 30 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Sangamo BioSciences, Inc. (Nasdaq: SGMO) today announced that it has been granted a United States patent entitled "Regulation of Endogenous Gene Expression in Cells Using Zinc Finger Proteins." The patent covers the activation or repression of any endogenous gene, in any cell, in any organism using engineered zinc finger DNA-binding proteins (ZFPs) and broadens Sangamo's patent coverage of the uses of engineered ZFPs to include delivery of ZFP Therapeutics as recombinant proteins. Similar patents have been granted or allowed in the European Union and Australia and counterpart applications are pending worldwide.

"The granting of this patent strengthens and complements Sangamo's existing preeminent intellectual property portfolio covering the design and engineering of ZFPs and their use in gene regulation," said Edward Lanphier, Sangamo's president and chief executive officer. "These issued claims cover our ability to deliver ZFPs to cells and organisms either as a gene or as a protein, whichever formulation is the most therapeutically useful and appropriate."

Zinc finger DNA-binding proteins (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 zinc finger DNA-binding proteins are amenable to engineering and precise targeting to a particular gene or genes of interest. Since the over-expression or under-expression of individual genes is the basis for many diseases, the ability to regulate genes with engineered ZFPs has enormous potential therapeutic benefit. Although the sequences of many therapeutically relevant genes have been patented as isolated or purified sequences, a major advantage of Sangamo's unique technology is that it regulates endogenous cellular genes and is consequently independent of such patents.

The inventions covered by this patent (U.S. Patent No. 6,824,978) were made by Sangamo scientists.

About Sangamo

Sangamo BioSciences, Inc. is focused on the research and development of novel DNA-binding proteins for therapeutic gene regulation and modification. The company's most advanced therapeutic development program, currently in a Phase I clinical trial, involves the use of transcription factors for the treatment of peripheral artery disease. Other therapeutic development programs are focused on diabetic neuropathy, ischemic heart disease, congestive heart failure, cancer, neuropathic pain, and infectious 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 TFs) that can control gene expression and, consequently, cell function. Sangamo is also developing sequence-specific ZFP-Nucleases (ZFNs) for therapeutic gene modification as a treatment and possible cure for a variety of monogenic diseases such as sickle cell anemia and for infectious diseases such as HIV. For more information about Sangamo, visit the company's web site at [www.sangamo.com](http://www.sangamo.com) or [www.expressinglife.com](http://www.expressinglife.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 applications of Sangamo's ZFP TF 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. Sangamon BioSciences, Inc. assumes no obligation to update the forward-looking information contained in this press release.

SOURCE Sangamo BioSciences, Inc.

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