

bluebird bio, Inc.
Form 8-K
December 16, 2014

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 15, 2014

bluebird bio, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

001-35966
(Commission

File Number)

13-3680878
(I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)

150 Second Street

Cambridge, MA

(Address of principal executive offices)

02141

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (339) 499-9300

Not Applicable

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On December 15, 2014, bluebird bio, Inc. (the Company) entered into an Underwriting Agreement (the Underwriting Agreement) with Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated and Cowen and Company, LLC, as representatives of the underwriters named therein (collectively, the Underwriters), relating to the public offering (the Offering) of 2,650,000 shares of the Company's common stock, \$0.01 par value per share (the Common Stock), at a price to the public of \$85.00 per share (the Offering Price), less underwriting discounts and commissions. The net proceeds to the Company from the sale of the Common Stock, after deducting the underwriting discounts and commissions and other estimated offering expenses payable by the Company, will be approximately \$211.4 million. The Offering is expected to close on December 19, 2014, subject to the satisfaction of customary closing conditions. The Company has also granted the Underwriters a 30-day option to purchase up to an additional 397,500 shares of Common Stock at the Offering Price.

The Offering was made pursuant to the Company's effective shelf registration statement on Form S-3ASR (File No. 333-197192), including the prospectus dated July 2, 2014, as supplemented by a prospectus supplement dated December 15, 2014.

In the Underwriting Agreement, the Company makes customary representations, warranties and covenants and also agrees to indemnify the Underwriters against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or to contribute to payments that the Underwriters may be required to make because of such liabilities. The foregoing is only a brief description of the terms of the Underwriting Agreement, does not purport to be a complete description of the rights and obligations of the parties thereunder, and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Underwriting Agreement that is filed as Exhibit 1.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated by reference herein. The legal opinion of Goodwin Procter LLP relating to the legality of the issuance and sale of the shares in the Offering is attached as Exhibit 5.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On December 15, 2014, the Company issued a press release announcing the Offering and on December 15, 2014, the Company issued a press release announcing the pricing of the Offering. Copies of these press releases are attached hereto as Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2, respectively, and are each incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

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| 1.1 | Underwriting Agreement, dated as of December 15, 2014, among bluebird bio, Inc. and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated and Cowen and Company, LLC, as representatives of the underwriters named therein. |
| 5.1 | Opinion of Goodwin Procter LLP. |
| 23.1 | Consent of Goodwin Procter LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1). |
| 99.1 | Press release issued by bluebird bio, Inc. on December 15, 2014. |

99.2 Press release issued by bluebird bio, Inc. on December 15, 2014.

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: December 16, 2014

bluebird bio, Inc.

By: /s/ Jason F. Cole

Jason Cole

Senior Vice President, General Counsel

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