IMCLONE SYSTEMS INC Form DFAN14A September 23, 2008

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): September 22, 2008

BRISTOL-MYERS SQUIBB COMPANY

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

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(IRS Employer Identification

Number) Number)

345 Park Avenue New York, NY 10154 (Address of Principal Executive Office)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (212) 546-4000

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Item 8.01. Other Events.

On September 22, 2008, Bristol-Myers Squibb Company (the "Company") issued a press release announcing its intention to commence a tender offer for all the outstanding shares of ImClone Systems Incorporated ("ImClone") and to launch a consent solicitation seeking to remove each member of the Board of Directors of ImClone and replace them with five nominees proposed by the Company. This was communicated to the Board of Directors of ImClone in a letter dated September 22, 2008. The press release, including the full text of the letter delivered to the Board of Directors of ImClone, is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibits No. Description

99.1. Press release dated September 22, 2008

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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.

Dated: September 22, 2008 BRISTOL-MYERS SQUIBB COMPANY

By: /s/ Sandra Leung

Name: Sandra Leung

Title: Senior Vice President, General

Counsel and Secretary

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