

BIOGEN IDEC INC.
Form 8-K
May 30, 2008

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**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): May 29, 2008

Biogen Idec Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

0-19311

(Commission
file number)

33-0112644

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

14 Cambridge Center, Cambridge, Massachusetts

(Address of principal executive offices)

02142

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code **(617) 679-2000**

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 (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

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 - ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers

On May 29, 2008, Hans Peter Hasler was named Chief Operating Officer of Biogen Idec Inc. In connection with this appointment, Mr. Hasler will receive an award of approximately \$270,000 in options to purchase shares of Biogen Idec common stock and an award of approximately \$270,000 in restricted stock units, each under the Biogen Idec Inc. 2005 Omnibus Equity Plan. The number of shares subject to each award will be based on the closing price of Biogen Idec common stock on June 2, 2008, the first trading day of the month following Mr. Hasler's appointment.

Mr. Hasler, age 52, has served as our Executive Vice President, Global Neurology, Head of International since October 2007 and has managed our international business since the merger of IDEC Pharmaceuticals Corporation and Biogen, Inc. in November 2003. He previously served as Senior Vice President, Head of International from November 2003 to October 2007. He served as Executive Vice President International of Biogen, Inc. from July 2003 until the merger, and joined Biogen, Inc as Executive Vice President Commercial Operations in August 2001.

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

A copy of the press release announcing Mr. Hasler's appointment is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1. The press release is being furnished with this Current Report on Form 8-K and shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Exchange Act) or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section, nor shall such document be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

The exhibits listed on the Exhibit Index immediately preceding such exhibits are furnished as part of this Current Report on Form 8-K.

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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.

Biogen Idec Inc.

By: /s/ Robert A. Licht
Robert A. Licht
Vice President and Assistant Secretary

Date: May 29, 2008

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