

UNITED THERAPEUTICS CORP
Form 8-K
November 21, 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): **November 21, 2008**

United Therapeutics Corporation

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in the Charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation
or organization)

000-26301
(Commission File Number)

52-1984749
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

1110 Spring Street
Silver Spring, MD
(Address of principal executive offices)

20910
(Zip Code)

(301) 608-9292

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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On November 21, 2008, United Therapeutics Corporation (the Company) agreed to the guaranteed maximum price terms of a construction management agreement with The Whiting-Turner Construction Company (Whiting-Turner) based in Baltimore, Maryland. Whiting-Turner manages the construction of the Company's new office and laboratory building (the Facility), which will connect to the Company's current laboratory facility in Silver Spring, Maryland.

Under the terms of the agreement, Whiting-Turner is responsible for the construction of the Facility and has agreed that the construction costs of the Facility will not exceed approximately \$61 million, which amount is subject to change based on agreed-upon changes to the scope of work. Whiting-Turner will be responsible for covering any costs in excess of the guaranteed maximum price. If the ultimate cost of the Facility is less than the guaranteed maximum, the Company will share a portion of these savings with Whiting-Turner. In addition, Whiting-Turner must pay penalties to the Company if the construction is not completed by November 16, 2009, which date is subject to change based on agreed-upon changes to the scope of work. Whiting-Turner has no material relationship with the Company or any of its affiliates.

The costs of constructing this facility will be funded from working capital.

The foregoing summary is qualified by reference to the copy of the agreement that will be filed as an exhibit to the Company's annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2008.

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.

UNITED THERAPEUTICS CORPORATION
(Registrant)

Dated: November 17, 2008

By: /s/ PAUL A. MAHON
Name: Paul A. Mahon
Title: General Counsel