Vanda Pharmaceuticals Inc. Form DEFA14A February 23, 2009

# 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): February 23, 2009 VANDA PHARMACEUTICALS INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

### **Delaware**

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

000-51863 03-0491827

(Commission File No.)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

# 9605 Medical Center Drive Suite 300 Rockville, Maryland 20850

(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)
Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (240) 599-4500

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

### Item 8.01. Other Events.

On February 23, 2009, Vanda Pharmaceuticals Inc. (the Company) issued a press release relating to the Company s receipt of a series of letters from a group led by Tang Capital Partners, LP (TCP) regarding TCP s intent to, among other things, nominate two directors for election to the Company s Board of Directors at the Company s 2009 annual meeting of stockholders and submit a number of stockholder proposals, including certain bylaw amendments and a request that the Company s Board of Directors liquidate the Company. The full text of this press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

# Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press release of Vanda Pharmaceuticals Inc. dated February 23, 2009.

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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.

# VANDA PHARMACEUTICALS INC.

By: /s/ STEPHANIE R. IRISH Name: Stephanie R. Irish

Title: Acting Chief Financial Officer and

Treasurer

Dated: February 23, 2009