

BAXTER INTERNATIONAL INC  
Form 15-12B  
March 24, 2009

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549  
FORM 15**

**CERTIFICATION AND NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF REGISTRATION UNDER SECTION 12(g) OF  
THE SECURITIES  
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 OR SUSPENSION OF DUTY TO FILE REPORTS UNDER SECTIONS 13 AND  
15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934.**

Commission File Number: 1-4448

**Baxter International Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**One Baxter Parkway, Deerfield, Illinois 60015**

**Telephone: 847.948.2000**

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of registrant's principal executive offices)

**Preferred Stock Purchase Rights<sup>(1)</sup>**

(Title of each class of securities covered by this Form)

**Common Stock, \$1.00 par value**

(Titles of all other classes of securities for which a duty to file reports under section 13(a) or 15(d) remains)

Please place an X in the box(es) to designate the appropriate rule provision(s) relied upon to terminate or suspend the duty to file reports:

Rule 12g-4(a)(1)      
Rule 12g-4(a)(2)      
Rule 12h-3(b)(1)(i)      
Rule 12h-3(b)(1)(ii)      
Rule 15d-6           

Approximate number of holders of record as of the certification or notice date: **None.**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Baxter International Inc. has caused this certification/notice to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned duly authorized person.

Date: March 24, 2009

By: /s/ David P. Scharf  
David P. Scharf  
Corporate Vice President, Corporate  
Secretary and Deputy General Counsel

<sup>(1)</sup> The Preferred  
Stock Purchase  
Rights (the Rights )  
referenced above  
expired on March 23,

2009 in accordance with the terms of the Rights Agreement, dated as of December 9, 1998, by and between the Registrant and Computershare Trust Company, N.A. (as successor to First Chicago Trust Company), as rights agent. The Registrant initially filed a Form 8-A to register the Rights on February 23, 1999, which Form 8-A was subsequently amended on May 30, 2001.