

ABBOTT LABORATORIES
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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): **October 21, 2014**

Abbott Laboratories

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Illinois
(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation)

1-2189
(Commission File Number)

36-0698440
(IRS Employer Identification
No.)

100 Abbott Park Road
Abbott Park, Illinois 60064-6400

(Address of principal executive offices)(Zip Code)

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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (224) 667 - 6100

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Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On October 21, 2014, Abbott Laboratories, an Illinois corporation (Abbott), Mylan Inc., a Pennsylvania corporation (Mylan), New Moon B.V., a private limited liability company (*besloten vennootschap met beperkte aansprakelijkheid*) organized under the laws of the Netherlands (New Mylan) and a wholly-owned subsidiary of Mylan, and Moon of PA Inc., a Pennsylvania corporation and a wholly-owned subsidiary of New Mylan (Merger Sub), agreed to a revision to the Business Transfer Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of July 13, 2014, among Abbott, Mylan, New Mylan and Merger Sub (the Transaction Agreement).

Under the Transaction Agreement, affiliates of Abbott and New Mylan agreed to enter into certain manufacturing arrangements at the closing of the transaction. The parties have revised the pricing terms under the arrangements pursuant to which Abbott affiliates will manufacture and supply products for New Mylan affiliates after closing.

The parties have also increased to 110,000,000 the number of New Mylan ordinary shares to be issued to Abbott affiliates at closing.

Cautionary Statements Regarding Forward-Looking Information

This communication contains forward-looking statements that are based on management's current expectations, estimates and projections. Words such as expects, anticipates, intends, plans, believes, seeks, estimates, forecasts, variations of these words and similar expressions identify these forward-looking statements. Certain factors, including but not limited to those identified under Item 1A. Risk Factors in the Annual Report of Abbott on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) on February 21, 2014, as subsequently amended, may cause actual results to differ materially from current expectations, estimates, projections, forecasts and from past results. These forward-looking statements may also include statements regarding the proposed transaction between Abbott and Mylan (the Transaction), including the expected timing of completion of the Transaction and anticipated future financial and operating performance and results. These statements are based on the current expectations of management of Abbott. There are a number of risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking statements included in this communication. These risks and uncertainties include (i) the risk that the companies may be unable to obtain regulatory approvals required for the Transaction, or that required regulatory approvals may delay the Transaction or result in the imposition of conditions that could cause the companies to abandon the Transaction, (ii) the risk that the stockholders of Mylan may not approve the Transaction, (iii) the risk that the conditions to the closing of the Transaction may not be satisfied, (iv) the risk that a material adverse change, event or occurrence may affect Abbott and Mylan prior to the closing of the Transaction and may delay the Transaction or cause the companies to abandon the Transaction, (v) the possibility that the Transaction may involve unexpected costs, liabilities or delays, (vi) the risk that the businesses of the companies may suffer as a result of uncertainty surrounding the Transaction and (vii) the risk that disruptions from the Transaction will harm relationships with customers, employees and suppliers. No assurance can be made that any expectation, estimate or projection contained in a forward-looking statement will be achieved or will not be affected by the factors cited above or other future events.

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Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of this communication. Abbott does not undertake, and expressly disclaims, any duty to update any forward-looking statement whether as a result of new information, future events or changes in expectations, except as required by law.

Additional Information and Where to Find it

In connection with the proposed Transaction, New Mylan will file with the SEC a registration statement that includes a preliminary prospectus regarding the Transaction and Mylan will file with the SEC a proxy statement with respect a special meeting of its shareholders to be convened to approve the Transaction. The definitive proxy statement/prospectus will be mailed to the shareholders of Mylan. **INVESTORS ARE URGED TO READ THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT, THE PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE, BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT ABBOTT S DEVELOPED MARKETS PHARMACEUTICAL BUSINESS, MYLAN AND THE TRANSACTION.**

Investors will be able to obtain these materials, when they are available, and other documents filed with the SEC free of charge at the SEC s website, www.sec.gov. In addition, copies of the registration statement and proxy statement, when they become available, may be obtained free of charge by accessing Mylan s website at www.mylan.com/investors or by writing Mylan at 1000 Mylan Boulevard, Canonsburg, Pennsylvania 15317, Attention: Investor Relations. Investors may also read and copy any reports, statements and other information filed by Abbott and Mylan with the SEC, at the SEC public reference room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 or visit the SEC s website for further information on its public reference room.

Participants in the Merger Solicitation

Mylan and certain of its directors, executive officers and other members of management and employees may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies in respect of the Transaction. Information regarding Mylan s directors and executive officers is available in its proxy statement filed with the SEC by Mylan on March 10, 2014 in connection with its 2014 annual meeting of shareholders. Other information regarding the participants in the proxy solicitation and a description of their direct and indirect interests, by security holdings or otherwise, will be contained in the registration statement and proxy statement/prospectus and other relevant materials to be filed with the SEC when they become available.

Non-Solicitation

This communication does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities, nor shall there be any sale of securities in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such jurisdiction.

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: October 22, 2014

ABBOTT LABORATORIES

By:

/s/ Thomas C. Freyman

Thomas C. Freyman

Executive Vice President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer