
**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): December 24, 2012

CATALYST PHARMACEUTICAL PARTNERS, INC.

(Exact Name Of Registrant As Specified In Its Charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-33057
(Commission
File Number)

76-0837053
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

**355 Alhambra Circle
Suite 1500
Coral Gables, Florida**
(Address of principal executive offices)

33134
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (305) 529-2522

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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 3.01 Notice of Delisting or Failure to Satisfy a Continued Listing Rule or Standard; Transfer of Listing

On December 24, 2012, Catalyst Pharmaceutical Partners, Inc. (the “Company”) received a staff deficiency letter from The Nasdaq Stock Market notifying the Company that it is not in compliance with the minimum bid price requirement set forth in Nasdaq Listing Rule 5550(a)(2) for continued listing on the Nasdaq Capital Market. The Nasdaq Listing Rules (the “Rules”) require listed securities to maintain a minimum bid price of \$1.00 per share and, based on the closing bid prices for the last 30 consecutive business days, the Company no longer meets that requirement. This notification has no immediate effect on the Company’s listing on the NASDAQ Capital Market or on the trading of the Company’s common stock.

Under the Rules, the Company has a grace period of 180 days, or until June 24, 2013, to regain compliance. If at any time within the grace period the Company’s common stock closes at or above \$1.00 per share for a minimum of ten consecutive business days, the Nasdaq Stock Market will provide the Company with a written confirmation of compliance and the matter will be closed. In the event the Company does not regain compliance with the Rule prior to the expiration of the grace period, the Company may request a hearing from a Nasdaq Listing Qualifications Panel, which will stay the delisting and allow the Company to present its plan to regain compliance. In addition, the Company may also be eligible for an additional 180-day grace period if at such time it meets the initial listing standards for listing on the Nasdaq Capital Market, with the exception of the bid price requirement.

The Company understands the Nasdaq requirements and believes it will be able to regain compliance with the Rules within the allotted grace period.

A copy of the Company’s press release issued on December 27, 2012 reporting receipt of the deficiency letter is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press release issued by the Company on December 27, 2012

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Catalyst Pharmaceutical Partners, Inc.

By: /s/ Alicia Grande

Alicia Grande

Vice President, Treasurer and CFO

Dated: December 27, 2012

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Catalyst Receives Guidance from NASDAQ Regarding Minimum Bid Price Requirement

CORAL GABLES, FL, December 27, 2012 — Catalyst Pharmaceutical Partners, Inc. (NasdaqCM: CPRX) announced today that it received a Nasdaq Staff Deficiency Letter, dated December 24, 2012, indicating that the Company is not in compliance with the Minimum Bid Price requirement set forth in Nasdaq Listing Rule 5550(a)(2) for continued listing on the Nasdaq Capital Market.

The Nasdaq Listing Rules (the "Rules") require listed securities to maintain a minimum bid price of \$1.00 per share and, based upon the closing bid price for the last 30 consecutive business days, the Company no longer meets this requirement. In light of the deficiency, the Rules also provide the Company with a grace period of 180 calendar days in which to regain compliance. If at any time during this grace period the bid price of the Company's security closes at or above \$1.00 per share for a minimum of ten consecutive business days, the Nasdaq Stock Market will provide the Company with a written confirmation of compliance and the matter will be closed.

In the event the Company does not regain compliance with the Rule prior to the expiration of the grace period, the Company may be eligible for an additional 180-day grace period if at such time it meets the initial listing standards for listing on the Nasdaq Capital Market, with the exception of the bid price requirement.

The Company understands the Nasdaq requirements and believes it will be able to regain compliance with the Rules within the allotted grace period.

About Catalyst Pharmaceutical Partners

Catalyst Pharmaceutical Partners, Inc. is a development-stage specialty pharmaceutical company focused on the development and commercialization of prescription drugs targeting orphan drug diseases and disorders of the central nervous system. Catalyst has three products in development, Firdapse™, which Catalyst plans to develop for commercialization in North America as a treatment for Lambert-Eaton Myasthenic Syndrome (LEMS), CPP-115, a GABA aminotransferase inhibitor that is more potent than vigabatrin and

has reduced side effects (e.g., visual field defects, or VFDs) from those associated with vigabatrin, which Catalyst plans to develop for the treatment of epilepsy (primarily infantile spasms) and CPP-109 (vigabatrin), which Catalyst hopes to develop for the treatment of Tourette's Disorder. For additional information about Catalyst, please visit www.catalystpharma.com.

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties, which may cause the Company's actual results in future periods to differ materially from forecasted results. A number of factors, including whether the Company will be able to regain compliance with the Rules within any applicable grace periods, whether any of the Company's product candidates will ever be approved for commercialization, and those factors described in the Company's filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), could adversely affect the Company. Copies of the Company's filings with the SEC are available from the SEC, may be found on the Company's website or may be obtained upon request from the Company. The Company does not undertake any obligation to update the information contained herein, which speaks only as of this date.

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