# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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#### **CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported):

March 6, 2008

# Lexicon Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) 000-30111 (Commission File Number) 76-0474169 (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

8800 Technology Forest Place The Woodlands, Texas 77381 (Address of principal executive offices and Zip Code)

(281) 863-3000 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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	□ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

# Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On March 6, 2008, we issued a press release to report our financial results for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2007. A copy of the press release is attached to this current report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1.

The information in this Form 8-K and the Exhibit attached to this Form 8-K shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 — Press Release of Lexicon Pharmaceuticals, Inc. dated March 6, 2008

# **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 thereunto duly authorized.

Date: March 6, 2008

Lexicon Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

By: /s/ Jeffrey L. Wade

Jeffrey L. Wade Executive Vice President and General Counsel

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# LEXICON PHARMACEUTICALS REPORTS 2007 FOURTH QUARTER AND FULL YEAR FINANCIAL RESULTS

#### Company Advancing Four Drug Candidates in Human Clinical Trials

**The Woodlands, Texas, March 6, 2008** – Lexicon Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (Nasdaq: LXRX), a biopharmaceutical company focused on discovering and developing breakthrough treatments for human disease, today updated its drug development progress and reported financial results for the three months and year ended December 31, 2007.

"Our team has made significant progress in our  $10_{TO}10$  program, an initiative to advance 10 drug candidates into human clinical trials by the end of 2010. We now have four drug candidates in human clinical testing as a result of the productivity of our drug discovery and development engine through 2007," said Dr. Arthur T. Sands, president and chief executive officer of Lexicon. "Lexicon is poised for its next phase of growth. With a robust pipeline of drug candidates, significant collaborations established and a strong financial foundation, we look forward to significant progress in 2008."

#### Highlights of the Year

#### Clinical Achievements

- § Lexicon advanced LX6171 into a Phase 2 clinical trial. LX6171 is the company's oral drug candidate for the treatment of cognitive disorders. The initial stage of the Phase 2 trial assessed the bioavailability of a new oral-suspension formulation. A second stage evaluating safety, tolerability and cognitive effects in elderly subjects with age-associated memory impairment (AAMI) is presently underway. In Phase 1 clinical trials, LX6171 was well tolerated at all dose levels and showed good systemic exposure.
- § Lexicon completed Phase 1a and initial Phase 1b clinical studies of LX1031, the company's oral drug candidate for the treatment of irritable bowel syndrome (IBS). In Phase 1 clinical trials completed to date, LX1031 was well tolerated at all dose levels studied. Lexicon is conducting an additional Phase 1b dose escalation study to explore additional dosage parameters.
- § Lexicon initiated a Phase 1 clinical trial of LX2931, the company's oral drug candidate for rheumatoid arthritis and other autoimmune conditions. The initial Phase 1 clinical trial of LX2931 is a double-blind, randomized, placebo-controlled, ascending single-dose study in healthy volunteers.
- § Lexicon filed an investigational new drug (IND) application with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for LX1032, an oral drug candidate for managing gastrointestinal symptoms associated with carcinoid syndrome. The initial Phase 1 clinical trial of LX1032, for which dosing commenced in February 2008, is a double-blind, randomized, placebo-controlled, ascending single-dose study in healthy volunteers.

#### **Business & Financial Accomplishments**

- § Lexicon announced the launch of its 10<sub>TO</sub>10 program, an initiative to advance 10 drug candidates into human clinical trials by the end of 2010, and changed its name to Lexicon Pharmaceuticals, Inc., reflecting its progression into drug development.
- § Invus, L.P. made an initial investment of \$205 million in Lexicon common stock to help fund the company's transition into an integrated biopharmaceutical company. The agreement with Invus provides for possible future financings under which Lexicon stockholders, including Invus, may invest an additional \$345 million over the next several years.
- § Lexicon entered into a \$60 million product development collaboration with Symphony Capital Partners, L.P. and its co-investors. Under the terms of the transaction, Symphony Icon, Inc., a new company, was established to fund and accelerate the clinical development of three of Lexicon's leading 10<sub>TO</sub>10 drug candidates LX6171, LX1031 and LX1032.

#### Additions to Leadership

- § Tamar Howson, formerly of Bristol-Myers Squibb Co., was appointed executive vice president of business development, responsible for leading the company's pharmaceutical partnering and licensing efforts. During her tenure at Bristol-Myers Squibb, she served as senior vice president of corporate and business development, responsible for leading the company's efforts in external alliances, licensing and acquisitions, and a member of the executive committee from 2001 to 2007.
- § Raymond Debbane, president and chief executive officer of The Invus Group, and Christopher Sobecki and Philippe Amouyal, both managing directors of The Invus Group, joined the Lexicon board of directors.
- § Kathleen Wiltsey, a former vice president of Amgen, Inc., and Judith L. Swain, M.D., currently executive director of the Singapore Institute for Clinical Sciences within the Singapore Agency for Science, Technology, and Research (A\*STAR) and the Lien Chow Professor of Medicine at the National University of Singapore, were elected to the company's board as independent directors.

#### **Financial Results**

"Lexicon is in a uniquely strong position to advance its exciting pipeline of novel drug candidates, having raised \$265 million through two strategic financings last year," said Julia P. Gregory, Lexicon's executive vice president and chief financial officer.

**Revenues:** Lexicon's revenues for the three months ended December 31, 2007 decreased 14 percent to \$13.8 million from \$16.1 million for the corresponding period in 2006. The decrease was primarily attributable to reduced revenue under Lexicon's neuroscience alliance with Bristol-Myers Squibb resulting from the conclusion of the revenue recognition period for the upfront payment Lexicon received under the alliance and the biotherapeutic alliance with N.V. Organon. This was offset in part by increased revenue recognized under Lexicon's award from the Texas Enterprise Fund due to the early

completion of the knockout mouse embryonic stem cell library for the Texas Institute for Genomic Medicine. For the year ended December 31, 2007, revenues decreased 31% percent to \$50.1 million from \$72.8 million in 2006, reflecting the company's transition from drug discovery alliances to drug development.

**Research and Development Expenses:** Research and development expenses for the three months ended December 31, 2007 increased five percent to \$26.9 million from \$25.6 million from the corresponding period in 2006. Higher external preclinical and clinical costs related to the advancement of Lexicon's drug development programs were largely offset by decreased research expenses as a result of the company's early 2007 realignment, reallocating resources from genetics research efforts to drug development. For the year ended December 31, 2007, research and development expenses decreased two percent to \$104.3 million, including \$5.2 million in non-cash, stock-based compensation expense, from \$106.7 million in 2006.

**General and Administrative Expenses:** General and administrative expenses for the three months ended December 31, 2007 increased six percent to \$5.3 million from \$5.1 million for the corresponding period in 2006. For the year ended December 31, 2007, general and administrative expenses decreased three percent to \$20.7 million, including \$2.8 million in non-cash, stock-based compensation expense, from \$21.3 million in 2006.

**Net Loss:** Net loss for the three months ended December 31, 2007 was \$12.2 million, or \$0.09 per share, compared to net loss of \$13.8 million, or \$0.19 per share, in the corresponding period in 2006. Net loss for the year ended December 31, 2007 was \$58.8 million, or \$0.59 per share, compared to a net loss of \$54.3 million, or \$0.81 per share, in 2006. The net loss for the three months and year ended December 31, 2007 included a benefit of \$4.3 million and \$12.4 million, respectively, attributable to the loss from non-controlling interest in Symphony Icon, resulting from Lexicon's consolidation of Symphony Icon. For the three months and year ended December 31, 2007, net loss included non-cash, stock-based compensation expense of \$3.1 million and \$7.9 million, respectively.

**Cash and Investments:** As of December 31, 2007, Lexicon had \$258.8 million in cash and investments, including \$36.7 million in cash and investments held by Symphony Icon, as compared to \$273.9 million as of September 30, 2007 and \$80.0 million as of December 31, 2006.

#### **Lexicon Conference Call:**

Lexicon management will hold a conference call to discuss its clinical development progress, financial results for 2007 and financial guidance for 2008 at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on March 6, 2008. The dial-in number for the conference call is 877-681-3378 (within the United States) or 719-325-4842 (international). The pass code for all callers is 7721341. Investors can access <a href="https://www.lexpharma.com">www.lexpharma.com</a> to listen to a live webcast of the call. The webcast will be archived and available for review through March 11, 2008.

#### **About Lexicon**

Lexicon is a biopharmaceutical company focused on the discovery and development of breakthrough treatments for human disease. Lexicon currently has development programs underway for such areas of major unmet medical need as irritable bowel syndrome, cognitive disorders, autoimmune diseases, and carcinoid syndrome. The company has used its proprietary gene knockout technology to discover more than 100 promising drug targets and create an extensive pipeline of clinical and preclinical programs in the therapeutic areas of cardiology, gastroenterology, immunology and oncology, metabolism, neurology and ophthalmology. To advance the development and commercialization of its programs, Lexicon is working both independently and through collaborators including Bristol-Myers Squibb Co., Genentech, Inc. and N.V. Organon. For additional information about Lexicon and its programs, please visit <a href="https://www.lexpharma.com">www.lexpharma.com</a>.

#### **Safe Harbor Statement**

This press release contains "forward-looking statements," including statements relating to Lexicon's clinical development of LX6171, LX1031, LX1032 and LX2931 and the potential therapeutic and commercial potential of LX6171, LX1031, LX1032 and LX2931. This press release also contains forward-looking statements relating to Lexicon's growth and future operating results, discovery and development of products, strategic alliances and intellectual property, as well as other matters that are not historical facts or information. All forward-looking statements are based on management's current assumptions and expectations and involve risks, uncertainties and other important factors, specifically including those relating to Lexicon's ability to successfully conduct clinical development of LX6171, LX1031, LX1032 and LX2931 and preclinical and clinical development of its other potential drug candidates, advance additional candidates into preclinical and clinical development, obtain necessary regulatory approvals, achieve its operational objectives, obtain patent protection for its discoveries, obtain additional financing and establish strategic alliances, as well as additional factors relating to manufacturing, intellectual property rights, and the therapeutic or commercial value of its drug candidates, that may cause Lexicon's actual results to be materially different from any future results expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Information identifying such important factors is contained under "Factors Affecting Forward-Looking Statements" and "Risk Factors" in Lexicon's annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Lexicon undertakes no obligation to update or revise any such forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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# Lexicon Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

### **Selected Financial Data**

Consolidated Statements of Operations Data	Three Months Ended December 31,			Year Ended December 31,				
(In thousands, except per share data)		2007 2006		2007 (unaudited)			2006	
		(unaudited)					<u>.</u>	
Revenues:								
Collaborative research	\$	13,620	\$	14,946	\$	48,080	\$	68,373
Subscription and license fees		188		1,120		2,038		4,425
Total revenues		13,808		16,066		50,118		72,798
Operating expenses:								
Research and development, including stock-based compensation								
of \$2,150, \$1,039, \$5,150 and \$4,394, respectively		26,930		25,580		104,332		106,695
General and administrative, including stock-based compensation								
of \$946, \$625, \$2,776 and \$2,636, respectively		5,345		5,058		20,740		21,334
Total operating expenses		32,275		30,638		125,072		128,029
Loss from operations		(18,467)		(14,572)		(74,954)		(55,231)
Interest income		3,475		976		7,286		3,653
Interest expense		(694)		(816)		(2,771)		(3,253)
Other income (expense), net		(760)		470		(794)		401
Loss before noncontrolling interest in Symphony Icon, Inc.		(16,446)		(13,942)		(71,233)		(54,430)
Loss attributable to noncontrolling interest in Symphony Icon, Inc.		4,269				12,439		<u> </u>
Loss before taxes		(12,177)		(13,942)		(58,794)		(54,430)
Income tax benefit		<u> </u>		119				119
Net loss	\$	(12,177)	\$	(13,823)	\$	(58,794)	\$	(54,311)
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Net loss per common share, basic and diluted	\$	(0.09)	\$	(0.19)	\$	(0.59)	\$	(0.81)
Shares used in computing net loss per common share, basic and diluted		136,794		73,405		99,798		66,876

Consolidated Balance Sheet Data (In thousands)		As of December 31, 2007		As of December 31, 2006	
	(un	(unaudited)			
Cash and investments, including cash and investments held by Symphony Icon, Inc.	\$	258,775	\$	79,999	
Property and equipment, net		70,829		78,192	
Goodwill		25,798		25,798	
Total assets		369,296		190,266	
Deferred revenue		34,156		58,000	
Current and long-term debt		31,373		32,188	
Noncontrolling interest in Symphony Icon, Inc.		30,271		-	
Accumulated deficit		(410,535)		(351,741)	
Total stockholders' equity		256,300		85,501	