

**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): June 14, 2011

PACIRA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-35060
(Commission
File Number)

51-0619477
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

5 Sylvan Way, Suite 125, Parsippany, New Jersey 07054
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(973) 254-3560
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 8.01. Other Events.

On June 14, 2011, Pacira Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (the “**Company**,” or “**Pacira**”) announced that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (“**FDA**”) has extended the Prescription Drug User Fee Act (“**PDUFA**”) goal date for its Review of the New Drug Application for EXPAREL™ (Bupivacaine Extended-Release Liposome Injection) by three months. The new PDUFA goal date is October 28, 2011.

The FDA requested additional information from Pacira, which the Company has submitted. The FDA determined that this information constituted a major amendment. The agency has the option to extend the PDUFA goal date when a sponsor submits a major amendment to an NDA within three months of the PDUFA goal date to provide the FDA time to complete the review.

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.

Pacira Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Date: June 16, 2011

By: /s/ James Scibetta
James Scibetta
Chief Financial Officer