BRISTOL MYERS SQUIBB CO Form 8-K September 10, 2010

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): September 9, 2010 (September 7, 2010)

BRISTOL-MYERS SQUIBB COMPANY

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction 1-1136 (Commission File Number) 22-079-0350 (IRS Employer

of Incorporation)

Identification Number)

345 Park Avenue

New York, NY, 10154

(Address of Principal Executive Office)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (212) 546-4000

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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 September 7, 2010, Bristol-Myers Squibb Company and ZymoGenetics, Inc. issued a press release announcing that the companies have signed a definitive merger agreement that provides for the acquisition of ZymoGenetics, Inc. by the Company, for \$9.75 per share in cash. A copy of the press release announcing the planned acquisition is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this report and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Joint Press Release of Bristol-Myers Squibb Company and ZymoGenetics, Inc., dated September 7, 2010.

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.

BRISTOL-MYERS SQUIBB COMPANY

Dated: September 9, 2010 By: /s/ Sandra Leung

Name: Sandra Leung

Title: General Counsel and Secretary

EXHIBIT INDEX

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