

**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): August 21, 2008

Sucampo Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware

001-33609

13-3929237

(State or Other Juris-
diction of Incorporation)

(Commission
File Number)

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

4520 East-West Highway, Suite 300
Bethesda, Maryland

20814

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (301) 961-3400

(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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On August 21, 2008, the Board of Directors of the registrant appointed Dr. Gayle Dolecek to the Board of Directors.

Dr. Dolecek has been Sucampo's Senior Vice President of Research and Development since May 2006. From August 1995 to April 2006, he was a Senior Consultant at AAC Consulting Group, Inc., a provider of regulatory consulting services to the pharmaceutical industry. Prior to 1995, Dr. Dolecek was an officer with the U.S. Public Health Service where he served in pharmacy and health service related positions. He completed his 30 year career with the government in the U.S. Food and Drug Administration as Director of Compendial Operations in the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research. Dr. Dolecek received his B.S. and Pharmacy Doctor from the University of Maryland and a M.P.H. in Health Services and Planning from the University of Hawaii.

The press release issued in connection with the announcement of Dr. Dolecek's appointment to the Board of Directors is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

On August 21, 2008, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of Sucampo approved an increase in salary for Dr. Gayle Dolecek's. Dr. Dolecek's annual salary will be increased to \$250,000.

On August 21, 2008, the Compensation Committee approved a salary increase in Jan Smilek's annual salary to \$215,000, for the duration of the period he continues to serve as the Acting Chief Financial Officer of Sucampo.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

- 99.1 Press Release issued by the registrant on August 26, 2008 announcing the appointment of Dr. Gayle Dolecek to the registrant's Board of Directors.
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SIGNATURE

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.

SUCAMPO PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

Date: August 26, 2008

By: /s/ JAN SMILEK

Name: Jan Smilek

Title: VP, Finance and Acting Chief Financial Officer



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Sucampo Pharmaceuticals Strengthens Its Board of Directors

Bethesda, MD -August 27, 2008 – Sucampo Pharmaceuticals, Inc., (NASDAQ: SCMP) today announced that Gayle Dolecek, P.D., MPH, has been appointed to its Board of Directors. Dr. Dolecek is currently Sucampo’s Senior Vice President of Research and Development.

“We are pleased to welcome Dr. Gayle Dolecek to Sucampo’s Board of Directors,” said Ryuji Ueno, M.D., Ph.D., Ph.D., Sucampo Pharmaceuticals’ Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, “Gayle has worked with Sucampo since its founding, first as a consultant and now as head of research and development. He guided the development of Sucampo’s regulatory strategy, ensuring compliance with FDA’s complex requirements, played an instrumental role in establishing our Research and Development department and played a critical role in the recent approval of AMITIZA® for Irritable Bowel Syndrome with constipation in the United States, which triggered the recent \$50 million milestone payment from our marketing partner. His expertise has also been instrumental in the regulatory submissions for AMITIZA® in Europe. Gayle’s considerable research and development experience have been vital in the continued progress of Sucampo’s earlier stage programs, which are likely to be a key component of our long term growth. We believe that Gayle will continue to bring valuable insight to the Board.”

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About Sucampo Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Sucampo Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a specialty biopharmaceutical company based in Bethesda, Md., focuses on the development and commercialization of medicines based on prostones. The therapeutic potential of prostones, which are bio-lipids that occur naturally in the human body, was first identified by Ryuji Ueno, M.D., Ph.D., Ph.D., Sucampo Pharmaceuticals’ Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. Dr. Ueno founded Sucampo Pharmaceuticals in 1996 with Sachiko Kuno, Ph.D., founding Chief Executive Officer and advisor, international business development.

Sucampo Pharmaceuticals is marketing AMITIZA® (lubiprostone) in the U.S. for chronic idiopathic constipation in adults and to treat irritable bowel syndrome with constipation in adult women, and is developing the drug for additional gastrointestinal disorders with large potential markets. In addition, Sucampo Pharmaceuticals has a robust pipeline of compounds with the potential to target underserved diseases affecting millions of patients worldwide. Sucampo Pharmaceuticals has two wholly owned subsidiaries: Sucampo Pharma Europe, Ltd., headquartered in Oxford, UK, with a branch office in Basel, Switzerland, and Sucampo Pharma, Ltd., located in Tokyo and Osaka, Japan. To learn more about Sucampo Pharmaceuticals and its products, visit www.sucampo.com.

Forward-Looking Statements

Any statements in this press release about future expectations, plans and prospects for Sucampo Pharmaceuticals are forward-looking statements made under the provisions of The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements may be identified by the words “project,” “believe,” “anticipate,” “plan,” “expect,” “estimate,” “intend,” “should,” “would,” “could,” “will,” “may” or other similar expressions. Actual results may differ materially from those indicated by such forward-looking statements as a result of various important factors described in Sucampo Pharmaceuticals’ filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), including the annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007 and other periodic reports filed with the SEC. Any forward-looking statements in this press release represent Sucampo Pharmaceuticals’ views only as of the date of this release and should not be relied upon as representing its views as of any subsequent date. Sucampo Pharmaceuticals anticipates that subsequent events and developments will cause its views to change. However, while Sucampo Pharmaceuticals may elect to update these forward-looking statements publicly at some point in the future, Sucampo Pharmaceuticals specifically disclaims any obligation to do so, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.