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 30, 2005

StemCells, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

000-19871

(Commission File Number)

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

3155 Porter Drive, Palo Alto, California

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

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:

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

94-3078125

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

94304

(Zip Code)

650.475.3100

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On September 30, 2005, StemCells, Inc. announced that the Nasdaq Stock Market approved its application to transfer the listing of its common stock to the National Market from the Capital Market. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

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.

September 30, 2005

StemCells, Inc.

By: Rodney K.B. Young

Name: Rodney K.B. Young Title: Chief Financial Officer Exhibit Index

Exhibit No.

Description

99.1

Press Release National Market Listing 09/30/2005

STEMCELLS, INC. MOVES TO NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET

PALO ALTO, Calif., (September 30, 2005) – StemCells, Inc. (NASDAQ: STEM) today announced that the Nasdaq Stock Market has approved its application to transfer the listing of its common stock to the National Market from the Capital Market. The Company's stock will continue to trade under its current symbol, STEM.

"Our move to the Nasdaq National Market reflects the continued maturation of StemCells, Inc. as a publicly traded company. We believe our listing on the National Market will better serve investors by providing greater liquidity and visibility for our shares." said Martin McGlynn, President and CEO of StemCells, Inc.

About StemCells, Inc.

StemCells, Inc. is a development stage biotechnology company focused on the discovery, development and commercialization of stem cell-based therapies to treat diseases of the nervous system, liver and pancreas. The Company's stem cell programs seek to repair or repopulate neural or other tissue that has been damaged or lost as a result of disease or injury. StemCells is the first company to directly identify and isolate human neural stem cells from normal brain tissue. These stem cells are expandable into cell banks for therapeutic use, which demonstrates the feasibility of using normal, non-genetically modified cells as cell-based therapies. StemCells is the only publicly traded company solely focused on stem cell research and development and has more than 40 U.S. and 100 non-U.S. patents, as well as 100 patent applications pending worldwide. Further information about the Company is available on its web site at: www.stemcellsinc.com.

Apart from statements of historical facts, the text of this press release constitutes forward-looking statements regarding, among other things, the Company's future financial and scientific circumstances and its potential clinical and business operations of StemCells, Inc. ("the Company"). The forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of this news release. StemCells does not undertake to update any of these forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances that occur after the date hereof. Such statements reflect management's current views and are based on certain assumptions that may or may not ultimately prove valid. The Company's actual results may vary materially from those contemplated in the forward-looking statements due to risks and uncertainties to which the Company is subject, including uncertainties regarding the Company's ability to obtain the capital resources needed to continue its current research and development operations and to conduct the research, preclinical development and clinical trials necessary for regulatory approvals; the uncertainty regarding the validity and enforceability of issued patents; the uncertainty whether any products that may be generated in the Company's stem cell programs will prove clinically effective and not cause tumors or other side effects; the uncertainty whether the Company will achieve revenues from product sales or become profitable; uncertainties regarding the Company's obligations in regard to its former encapsulated cell therapy facilities in Rhode Island; and other factors that are described in Exhibit 99 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K titled "Cautionary Factors Relevant to Forward-Looking Statements."

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