SALIX PHARMACEUTICALS LTD Form 8-K August 19, 2014

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 19, 2014

SALIX PHARMACEUTICALS, LTD.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction 000-23265 (Commission 94-3267443 (I.R.S. Employer

of incorporation)

File Number)

Identification No.)

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8510 Colonnade Center Drive

Raleigh, North Carolina27615(Address of principal executive offices)(Zip Code)Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (919) 862-1000

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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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 August 19, 2014, Salix Pharmaceuticals, Ltd. announced that it had received notice of the early termination of the waiting period for U.S. antitrust review under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, as amended, relating to its previously announced combination transaction with Cosmo Pharmaceuticals S.p.A. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit
No.Description99.1Press release dated August 19, 2014.

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.

August 19, 2014

SALIX PHARMACEUTICALS, LTD.

By: /s/ Timothy J. Creech Timothy J. Creech Senior Vice President, Finance and Administrative Services

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit

99.1 Press release dated August 19, 2014.