

SPECTRUM PHARMACEUTICALS INC

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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549
Amendment No. 1**

**to
FORM S-3
REGISTRATION STATEMENT
UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933
SPECTRUM PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)**

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or
organization)

93-0979187
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

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Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public: From time to time after this Registration Statement becomes effective.

If the only securities being registered on this form are being offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box.

If any of the securities being registered on this form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered only in connection with dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box.

If this form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, please check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective

registration statement from the same offering.

If this form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(c) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this Form is a registration statement pursuant to General Instruction I.D. or a post-effective amendment thereto that shall become effective upon filing with the Commission pursuant to Rule 462(e) under the Securities Act, check the following box.

If this Form is a post-effective amendment to a registration statement filed pursuant to General Instruction I.D. filed to register additional securities or additional classes of securities pursuant to Rule 413(b) under the Securities Act, check the following box.

The Registrant hereby amends this Registration Statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the Registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this Registration Statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or until the Registration Statement shall become effective on such date as the Securities and Exchange Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer

Smaller reporting company

(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Each Class of Securities to be Registered(1)	Amount to be Registered(1)	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Security (1)	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price (1)	Amount of Registration Fee(1)
Debt Securities, Preferred Stock (2), Common Stock (3) and Warrants of Spectrum Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Units of the Securities listed above.				
TOTAL:	\$ 150,000,000	(1)	\$ 150,000,000	\$ 5,895(4)

(1) An indeterminate aggregate initial offering price or number of securities of each identified class is being registered as may from time to time be offered at indeterminate prices, with an aggregate initial offering price not to exceed

\$150,000,000.

Separate consideration may or may not be received for securities that are issuable on exercise, conversion or exchange of other securities.

(2) Includes an indeterminate number of shares of Spectrum Pharmaceuticals, Inc.'s preferred stock that may be issued upon exercise of warrants or conversion of debt securities or preferred stock registered hereby.

(3) Includes an indeterminate number of shares of Spectrum Pharmaceuticals, Inc.'s common stock that may be issued upon conversion of the preferred stock or debt securities or upon exercise of warrants registered hereby. Includes associated preferred stock purchase rights under the Spectrum Pharmaceuticals, Inc.'s Rights Agreement dated

as of
December 13,
2000, as
amended. Prior to
the occurrence of
certain events,
the preferred
stock purchase
rights will not be
exercisable or
evidenced
separately from
the Spectrum
Pharmaceuticals,
Inc. s common
stock.

- (4) Registration Fee
previously paid.
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The information in this prospectus is not complete and may be changed. We may not sell these securities until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities and it is not soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any state where the offer or sale is not permitted.

PROSPECTUS

**Subject to Completion; Dated May 2, 2008
SPECTRUM PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.
\$150,000,000
Debt Securities
Preferred Stock
Common Stock
Warrants
Units**

This prospectus provides a general description of the following securities that may be offered hereunder from time to time: Spectrum Pharmaceuticals, Inc.'s debt securities, preferred stock, common stock, warrants and units. The aggregate initial offering price of all securities sold under this prospectus will not exceed \$150,000,000. Each time we sell securities hereunder, we will provide a supplement to this prospectus that contains specific information about the offering and the specific terms of the securities offered. You should read this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement carefully before you invest in our securities.

The common stock of Spectrum Pharmaceuticals, Inc. is listed on the Nasdaq Global Market under the symbol SPPI.

Investing in our securities involves a high degree of risk. See Risk Factors contained in our filings made with the Securities and Exchange Commission and the applicable prospectus supplement.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the accuracy or adequacy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The date of this prospectus is _____, 2008.

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Unless otherwise indicated or the context otherwise requires, the terms "Company," "Spectrum Pharmaceuticals," "we," "us" and "our" refer to Spectrum Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and its predecessors and consolidated subsidiaries.

If you are in a jurisdiction where offers to sell, or solicitations of offers to purchase, the securities offered by this document are unlawful, or if you are a person to whom it is unlawful to direct these types of activities, then the offer presented in this prospectus does not extend to you.

We have not authorized anyone to give any information or make any representation about us that is different from, or in addition to that contained in this prospectus, including in any of the materials that we have incorporated by

reference into this prospectus, any accompanying prospectus supplement, and any free writing prospectus prepared or authorized by us. Therefore, if anyone does give you information of this sort, you should not rely on it as authorized by us. Neither the delivery of this prospectus, nor any sale made hereunder, shall under any circumstances create any implication that there has been no change in our affairs since the date hereof or that the information incorporated by reference herein is correct as of any time subsequent to the date of such information.

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ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is part of a registration statement that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC, using a shelf registration process. Under this shelf registration statement, we may, from time to time, offer any combination of the securities described in this prospectus in one or more offerings. The aggregate initial offering price of all securities sold under this prospectus will not exceed \$150,000,000.

The types of securities that we may offer and sell from time to time by this prospectus are:

debt securities;

preferred stock;

common stock;

warrants; and

units, comprised of two or more of the following securities in any combination: debt securities, preferred stock, common stock and warrants.

We may issue debt securities convertible into shares of Spectrum Pharmaceuticals, Inc. common or preferred stock. The preferred stock issued may also be convertible into shares of Spectrum Pharmaceuticals, Inc. common stock or another series of its preferred stock.

This prospectus provides a general description of the securities that we may offer hereunder. Each time we sell securities hereunder, we will describe in a prospectus supplement, which we will deliver with this prospectus, specific information about the offering and the terms of the particular securities offered. In each prospectus supplement, we will include the following information:

the type and amount of securities that we propose to sell;

the public offering price of the securities;

the names of any underwriters, agents or dealers through or to which the securities will be sold;

any compensation of those underwriters, agents or dealers;

information about any securities exchanges or automated quotation systems on which the securities will be listed or traded;

any risk factors applicable to the securities that we propose to sell; and

any other material information about the offering and sale of the securities.

In addition, the prospectus supplement may also add, update or change the information contained in this prospectus.

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THE COMPANY

On March 7, 2008, we received approval from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, or FDA, of our new drug application, or NDA, for our drug product, Levoleucovorin for Injection (formerly, ISO-Vorin[™]). We anticipate launching LEVOleucovorin in the U.S. market in mid-2008. Also, during the fourth quarter of 2008, we will launch sumatriptan injection, the generic form of GlaxoSmithKline's Imitre[®] injection, through our commercialization partner, Par Pharmaceutical Companies, Inc. We are a biopharmaceutical company that acquires, develops and commercializes a diversified portfolio of drug products, with a focus on oncology, urology and other critical health challenges. We are focused on executing our business strategy, which is comprised of the following four parts:

Acquiring and developing a broad and diverse pipeline of late-stage clinical and commercial products with a focus on oncology and urology.

We acquire and develop multiple novel, late-stage oncology drug products that address niche markets. A late-stage focus helps us effectively manage the high cost of drug development by focusing on compounds that have already passed the many costly hurdles in the pre-clinical and early clinical process. Our strategy allows us to leverage organizational, collaborative, commercial and scientific efficiencies from a therapeutic focus on oncology and urology.

Establishing a commercial organization for LEVOleucovorin that will be available if and when each of the other drug products in our pipeline are approved. As we transform from a development to a commercial organization, we are building a foundation for successful product launches.

Continuing to build a team with significant drug development and commercialization expertise in our areas of focus and creating a culture of success that allows our people to thrive.

We have built the foundation of a team with significant experience in oncology and urology drug development. We endeavor to leverage the talents of our team and add people who have relevant experience. Our team members have, in the past, been responsible for the development of drugs such as adriamycin, cisplatin, carboplatin, paclitaxel, Etoposide, Buspar, Cialis, Nefazodone and Stadol, among others. We also have, and will continue to bring, commercialization experience to the Company as we build our commercial infrastructure.

Leveraging the expertise of partners around the world in areas of manufacturing, development and commercialization to assist us in the execution of our strategy.

We have incurred losses in every year of our existence and expect to continue to incur operating losses for the next several years. We may never generate significant revenue or become profitable because our drug product LEVOleucovorin for Injection may not achieve market acceptance and all of our other proprietary drug candidates are currently either in clinical trials and our clinical trials may fail, or we may not receive approval of the FDA, or even if approved, they may not become commercially viable or achieve market acceptance. Since it is unlikely that we will be able to generate the revenues necessary to finance our operations near-term, we will likely have to seek additional capital through the sale of our securities. However, we do not currently have plans to raise capital.

The pharmaceutical marketplace in which we operate is highly competitive, and includes many large, well-established companies pursuing treatments for the indications we are pursuing.

Spectrum Pharmaceuticals, Inc. is a Delaware corporation that was originally incorporated in Colorado as Americus Funding Corporation in December 1987, became NeoTherapeutics, Inc. in August 1996, was reincorporated in Delaware in June 1997, and was renamed Spectrum Pharmaceuticals, Inc. in December 2002. Our principal executive offices are located at 157 Technology Drive, Irvine, California 92618.

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Unless we indicate otherwise in the applicable prospectus supplement, the net proceeds from the sale of the securities offered from time to time hereby will be used for general corporate purposes, including, without limitation, sales and marketing activities, clinical development, making acquisitions of assets, businesses or securities, capital expenditures and for working capital. When a particular series of securities is offered, the related prospectus supplement will set forth our intended use of the net proceeds we receive from the sale of the securities. Pending the application of the net proceeds, we may invest the proceeds in short-term, interest-bearing instruments or other securities.

RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES

The following table sets forth our ratio of earnings to fixed charges for the periods indicated:

	Year Ended December 31,				
	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges (1)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

(1) Earnings have been inadequate to cover fixed charges. The dollar amount (in thousands) of the coverage deficiency in the five year period ended December 31, 2007 was approximately \$10,390, \$12,286, \$18,642, \$23,284, and \$34,036 for the years 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007, respectively.

The ratios of earnings to fixed charges were computed by dividing earnings by fixed charges. For this purpose, earnings consist of pre-tax loss before fixed charges included in the determination of pre-tax loss. Fixed charges consist of interest costs, whether expensed or capitalized, the amortization of debt discount and issuance costs, and the interest factor of rental expense.

RATIO OF EARNINGS TO COMBINED FIXED CHARGES AND PREFERRED STOCK DIVIDENDS

The following table sets forth our ratio of earnings to combined fixed charges and preferred stock dividends for the periods indicated:

	Year Ended December 31,				
	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003

Ratio of earnings to combined fixed charges and preferred share dividends

(1) N/A N/A N/A N/A N/A

(1) Earnings have been inadequate to cover fixed charges and preferred stock dividends. The dollar amount of the coverage deficiency in the five year period ended December 31, 2007 was approximately \$10,792, \$12,556, \$18,854, \$23,445 and \$34,055 for the years 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007, respectively.

The ratio of earnings to combined fixed charges and preferred stock dividends is calculated in a similar manner to the ratio of earnings to fixed charges, except that preference dividends of Spectrum Pharmaceuticals are combined with fixed charges on a pre-tax basis, assuming a 40% tax rate. The deficiency amount is the amount of earnings required for a ratio of 1.0x.

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FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Words such as anticipates, expects, intends, plans, believes, seeks, estimates, and variations of such words and similar expressions are used to identify such forward-looking statements. These statements are based on current expectations, estimates and projections about our industry, management's beliefs, and assumptions made by management. These statements are not guarantees of future performance and are subject to certain risks, uncertainties and assumptions that are difficult to predict; therefore, actual results may differ materially from those expressed or forecasted in any forward-looking statements. The risks and uncertainties include those noted in our SEC filings or any applicable prospectus supplement.

We urge you to consider these factors carefully in evaluating the forward-looking statements contained in this prospectus and any prospectus supplement. All subsequent written or oral forward-looking statements attributable to our company or persons acting on our behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by these cautionary statements. The forward-looking statements included in this prospectus are made only as of the date of this prospectus. We undertake no obligation to update publicly any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except to the extent that we are required to do so by law.

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DESCRIPTION OF SECURITIES

The following is a general description of the terms and provisions of the securities we may offer and sell by this prospectus. These summaries are not meant to be complete. This prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement will contain the material terms and conditions of each security. The prospectus supplement may add, update or change the terms and conditions of the securities as described in this prospectus.

DEBT SECURITIES

The following sets forth certain general terms and provisions of the indenture under which the debt securities are to be issued, unless otherwise specified in a prospectus supplement. The particular terms of the debt securities to be sold by us will be set forth in a prospectus supplement relating to such debt securities.

The debt securities will represent unsecured general obligations of the Company, unless otherwise provided in the prospectus supplement. As indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, the debt securities will either be senior debt or subordinated debt as described in the applicable prospectus supplement. Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, the debt securities will be issued under an indenture between us and a trustee. The form of indenture has been filed as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part, subject to such amendments or supplemental indentures as are adopted from time to time. The following summary of certain provisions of that indenture does not purport to be complete and is subject to, and qualified in its entirety by, reference to all the provisions of that indenture, including the definitions therein of certain terms. Wherever particular sections or defined terms of the indenture are referred to, it is intended that such sections or defined terms shall be incorporated herein by reference.

General

The indenture does not limit the amount of debt securities that may be issued thereunder. The applicable prospectus supplement with respect to any debt securities will set forth, if applicable, the following terms of the debt securities offered pursuant thereto: (i) the title and series of such debt securities, including CUSIP numbers; (ii) any limit upon the aggregate principal amount of such debt securities of such title or series; (iii) whether such debt securities will be in global or other form; (iv) the date(s) and method(s) by which principal and any premium on such debt securities is payable; (v) interest rate or rates (or method by which such rate will be determined), if any; (vi) the dates on which any such interest will be payable and the method of payment; (vii) whether and under what circumstances any additional amounts are payable with respect to such debt securities; (viii) the notice, if any, to holders of such debt securities regarding the determination of interest on a floating rate debt security; (ix) the basis upon which interest on such debt securities shall be calculated, if other than that of a 360 day year of twelve 30-day months; (x) the place or places where the principal of and interest or additional amounts, if any, on such debt securities will be payable; (xi) any redemption or sinking fund provisions; (xii) the denominations of such debt securities; (xiii) any rights of the holders of such debt securities to convert the debt securities into other securities or property; (xiv) the terms, if any, on which payment of principal or any premium, interest or additional amounts on such debt securities will be payable in a currency other than U.S. dollars; (xv) the terms, if any, by which the amount of payments of principal or any premium, interest or additional amounts on such debt securities may be determined by reference to an index, formula, financial or economic measure or other methods; (xvi) if other than the principal amount hereof, the portion of the principal amount of such debt securities that will be payable upon declaration of acceleration of the maturity thereof or provable in bankruptcy; (xvii) any events of default or covenants in addition to or in lieu of those described herein and remedies therefor; (xviii) whether such debt securities will be subject to defeasance or covenant defeasance; (xix) the terms, if any, upon which such debt securities are to be issuable upon the exercise of warrants; (xx) the trustee or trustees and any authenticating or paying agents, transfer agents or registrars or any other agents with respect to such debt securities; (xxi) the terms, if any, on which such debt securities will be subordinate to other debt of the Company; and (xxii) any other specific terms of such debt securities and any other deletions from or additions to or modifications of the indenture with respect to such debt securities.

Debt securities may be presented for exchange, conversion or transfer in the manner, at the places and subject to the restrictions set forth in the debt securities and the prospectus supplement. Such services will be provided without charge, other than any tax or other governmental charge payable in connection therewith, but subject to the limitations provided in the indenture.

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The indenture does not contain any covenant or other specific provision affording protection to holders of the debt securities in the event of a highly leveraged transaction or a change in control of the Company, except to the limited extent described below under Consolidation, Merger and Sale of Assets. The Company's Certificate of Incorporation also contains other provisions which may prevent or limit a change of control. See Description of Capital Stock.

Modification and Waiver

The indenture provides that supplements to the indenture and the applicable supplemental indentures may be made by the Company and the trustee for the purpose of adding any provisions to or changing in any manner or eliminating any of the provisions of the indenture or of modifying in any manner the rights of the holders of debt securities of a series under the indenture or the debt securities of such series, with the consent of the holders of a majority (or such other amount as is provided for a particular series of debt securities) in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities issued under such indenture that are affected by the supplemental indenture, voting as a single class; provided that such supplemental indenture may include provisions that state that no such supplemental indenture may, without the consent of the holder of each such debt security affected thereby, among other things: (a) change the stated maturity of the principal of, or any premium, interest or additional amounts on, such debt securities, or reduce the principal amount thereof, or reduce the rate or extend the time of payment of interest or any additional amounts thereon, or reduce any premium payable on redemption thereof, or reduce the amount of the principal of debt securities issued with original issue discount that would be due and payable upon an acceleration of the maturity thereof or the amount thereof provable in bankruptcy, or change the redemption provisions or adversely affect the right of repayment at the option of the holder, or change the place of payment or currency in which the principal of, or any premium, interest or additional amounts with respect to any debt security is payable, or impair or affect the right of any holder of debt securities to institute suit for the payment thereof or, if such debt securities provide therefor, any right of repayment at the option of the holder; (b) reduce the percentage of outstanding debt securities of any series, the consent of the holders of which is required for any such supplemental indenture, or the consent of whose holders is required for any waiver or reduce the quorum required for voting; (c) modify any of the provisions of the sections of such indenture relating to supplemental indentures with the consent of the holders, waivers of past defaults or securities redeemed in part, except to increase any such percentage or to provide that certain other provisions of such indenture cannot be modified or waived without the consent of each holder affected thereby; or (d) make any change that adversely affects the right to convert or exchange any security into or for common stock or other securities, cash or other property in accordance with the terms of the applicable debt security.

The indenture provides that a supplemental indenture that changes or eliminates any covenant or other provision of the indenture that has expressly been included solely for the benefit of one or more particular series of debt securities, or that modifies the rights of the holders of such series with respect to such covenant or other provision, shall be deemed not to affect the rights under the indenture of the holders of debt securities of any other series, unless it intends to do so.

The indenture provides that the Company and the applicable trustee may, without the consent of the holders of any series of debt securities issued thereunder, enter into additional supplemental indentures for one of the following purposes: (1) to evidence the succession of another corporation to the Company and the assumption by any such successor of the covenants of the Company in such indenture and in the debt securities issued thereunder; (2) to add to the covenants of the Company or to surrender any right or power conferred on the Company pursuant to the Indenture; (3) to establish the form and terms of debt securities issued thereunder; (4) to evidence and provide for a successor trustee under such indenture with respect to one or more series of debt securities issued thereunder or to provide for or facilitate the administration of the trusts under such indenture by more than one trustee; (5) to cure any ambiguity, to correct or supplement any provision in the indenture that may be inconsistent with any other provision of the indenture or to make any other provisions with respect to matters or questions arising under such indenture which shall not adversely affect the interests of the holders of any series of debt securities issued thereunder in any material respect; (6) to add to, delete from or revise the conditions, limitations and restrictions on the authorized amount, terms or purposes of issue, authentication and delivery of securities under the indenture; (7)

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to add any additional events of default with respect to all or any series of debt securities; (8) to supplement any of the provisions of the indenture as may be necessary to permit or facilitate the defeasance and discharge of any series of debt securities, provided that such action does not adversely affect the interests of any holder of an outstanding debt security of such series or any other security in any material respect; (9) to make provisions with respect to the conversion or exchange rights of holders of debt securities of any series; (10) to amend or supplement any provision contained in such indenture or any supplemental indenture, provided that no such amendment or supplement shall materially adversely affect the interests of the holders of any debt securities then outstanding; or (11) to qualify such indenture under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939.

Events of Default

Unless otherwise provided in any prospectus supplement, the following will be events of default under the indenture with respect to each series of debt securities issued thereunder: (a) default in the payment of principal (or premium, if any) or any additional amounts with respect to such principal or premium on any series of the debt securities outstanding under the indenture when due; (b) default in the payment of any interest or any additional amounts with respect to such interest on any series of the debt securities outstanding under the indenture when due, continued for 30 days; (c) default in the payment, if any, of any sinking fund installment when and as due by the terms of any debt security of such series, subject to any cure period that may be specified in any debt security of such series; (d) failure to perform any other covenant or warranty of the Company contained in such indenture or such debt securities continued for 90 days after written notice; (e) certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization of the Company; and (f) any other event of default provided in a supplemental indenture with respect to a particular series of debt securities. Unless otherwise provided in any prospectus supplement, in case an event of default other than a default specified in clause (e) above shall occur and be continuing with respect to any series of such debt securities, the applicable trustee or the holders of not less than 25% in aggregate principal amount of the debt securities of such series then outstanding (each such series acting as a separate class) may declare the principal (or, in the case of discounted debt securities, the amount specified in the terms thereof) of such series to be due and payable. Unless otherwise provided in any prospectus supplement, if an event of default described in (e) above shall occur and be continuing then the principal amount (or, in the case of discounted debt securities, the amount specified in the terms thereof) of all the debt securities outstanding shall be and become due and payable immediately, without notice or other action by any holder or the applicable trustee, to the full extent permitted by law. Unless otherwise provided in any prospectus supplement, any event of default with respect to particular series of debt securities under such indenture may be waived by the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of such series (voting as a class), except in each case a failure to pay principal of or premium, interest or additional amounts, if any, on such debt securities or a default in respect of a covenant or provision which cannot be modified or amended without the consent of each holder affected thereby.

The indenture provides that the applicable trustee may withhold notice to the holders of any default with respect to any series of debt securities (except in payment of principal of or interest or premium on, or sinking fund payment in respect of, the debt securities) if the applicable trustee considers it in the interest of holders to do so.

The indenture contains a provision entitling the applicable trustee to be indemnified by the holders before proceeding to exercise any trust or power under such indenture at the request of such holders. The indenture provides that the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding debt securities of any series may direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceedings for any remedy available to the applicable trustee or of exercising any trust or power conferred upon the applicable trustee with respect to the debt securities of such series; *provided, however*, that the applicable trustee may decline to follow any such direction if, among other reasons, the applicable trustee determines in good faith that the actions or proceedings as directed may not lawfully be taken or would be unduly prejudicial to the holders of the debt securities of such series not joining in such direction. The right of a holder to institute a proceeding with respect to the applicable indenture will be subject to certain conditions precedent including, without limitation, that the holders of not less than 25% in aggregate principal amount of the debt securities of such series then outstanding under such indenture make a written request upon the applicable trustee to exercise its powers under such indenture, indemnify the applicable trustee and afford the applicable trustee reasonable opportunity to act, but the holder has an absolute right to receipt of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest

when due on the debt securities, to require conversion of debt securities if such indenture provides for convertibility at the option of the holder and to institute suit for the enforcement thereof.

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Consolidation, Merger and Sale of Assets

Unless otherwise provided in any prospectus supplement, the indenture will provide that the Company may not consolidate with, merge into or sell, convey or lease all or substantially all of its assets to any person unless the successor person assumes the Company's obligations on the debt securities issued thereunder, and under such indenture.

Certain Covenants

Existence. Except as permitted under Consolidation, Merger or Sale of Assets, the indenture requires the Company to do or cause to be done all things necessary to preserve and keep in full force and effect its corporate existence, rights (by certificate of incorporation, bylaws and statute) and franchises; *provided, however*, that the Company will not be required to preserve any right or franchise if its board of directors determines that the preservation thereof is no longer desirable in the conduct of its business.

Calculation of Original Issue Discount. The Company shall file with the trustee promptly at the end of each calendar year a written notice specifying the amount of original issue discount accrued on outstanding securities at the end of such year and any other specific information as may then be relevant under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

Additional Covenants. Any additional covenants of the Company with respect to any series of debt securities will be set forth in the prospectus supplement relating thereto.

Conversion Rights

The terms and conditions, if any, upon which the debt securities are convertible into common stock or preferred stock will be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement relating thereto. Such terms will include, if applicable, the conversion price (or manner of calculation thereof), the conversion period, provisions as to whether conversion will be at the option of the holders or the Company, the events requiring an adjustment of the conversion price and provisions affecting conversion in the event of redemption of such debt securities and any restrictions on conversion.

Redemption; Repurchase at the Option of the Holder; Sinking Fund

The terms and conditions, if any, upon which (i) the debt securities are redeemable at the option of the Company, (ii) the holder of debt securities may cause the Company to repurchase such debt securities or (iii) the debt securities are subject to any sinking fund will be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement relating thereto.

Repurchases on the Open Market

The Company or any affiliate of the Company may at any time or from time to time repurchase any debt security in the open market or otherwise. Such debt securities may, at the option of the Company or the relevant affiliate of the Company, be held, resold or surrendered to the trustee for cancellation.

Discharge, Defeasance and Covenant Defeasance

The indenture provides, with respect to each series of debt securities issued thereunder, that the Company may terminate its obligations under such debt securities of a series and such indenture with respect to debt securities of such series if: (i) all debt securities of such series previously authenticated and delivered, with certain exceptions, have been delivered to the applicable trustee for cancellation and the Company has paid all sums payable by it under the indenture; or (ii) (A) the debt securities of such series mature within one year or all of them are to be called for redemption within one year under arrangements satisfactory to the applicable trustee for giving the notice of redemption, (B) the Company irrevocably deposits in trust with the applicable trustee, as trust funds solely for the benefit of the holders of such debt securities, for that purpose, money or U.S. government obligations or a combination thereof sufficient (unless such funds consist solely of money, in the opinion of a nationally recognized

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firm of independent public accountants expressed in a written certification thereof delivered to the applicable trustee), without consideration of any reinvestment, to pay principal of and interest on the debt securities of such series to maturity or redemption, as the case may be, and to pay all other sums payable by it under such indenture, and (C) the Company delivers to the applicable trustee an officers' certificate and an opinion of counsel, in each case stating that all conditions precedent provided for in such indenture relating to the satisfaction and discharge of such indenture with respect to the debt securities of such series have been complied with. With respect to the foregoing clause (i), only the Company's obligations to compensate and indemnify the applicable trustee under the indenture shall survive. With respect to the foregoing clause (ii) only the Company's obligations to execute and deliver debt securities of such series for authentication, to maintain an office or agency in respect of the debt securities of such series, to have moneys held for payment in trust, to register the transfer or exchange of debt securities of such series, to deliver debt securities of such series for replacement or to be canceled, to compensate and indemnify the applicable trustee and to appoint a successor trustee, and its right to recover excess money held by the applicable trustee shall survive until such debt securities are no longer outstanding. Thereafter, only the Company's obligations to compensate and indemnify the applicable trustee and its right to recover excess money held by the applicable trustee shall survive.

The indenture provides that the Company (i) will be deemed to have paid and will be discharged from any and all obligations in respect of the debt securities issued thereunder of any series, and the provisions of such indenture will, except as noted below, no longer be in effect with respect to the debt securities of such series and (ii) may omit to comply with any term, provision, covenant or condition of such indenture, and such omission shall be deemed not to be an event of default under clause (d) of the first paragraph of Events of Default with respect to the outstanding debt securities of such series; provided that the following conditions shall have been satisfied: (A) the Company has irrevocably deposited in trust with the applicable trustee as trust funds solely for the benefit of the holders of the debt securities of such series, for payment of the principal of and interest of the debt securities of such series, which funds shall consist of cash or U.S. Government Obligations or a combination thereof sufficient (, in the opinion of a nationally recognized firm of independent public accountants expressed in a written certification thereof delivered to the applicable trustee, without consideration of any reinvestment , to pay and discharge the principal of and accrued interest on the outstanding debt securities of such series to maturity or earlier redemption (irrevocably provided for under arrangements satisfactory to the applicable trustee), as the case may be; (B) such deposit will not result in a breach or violation of, or constitute a default under, such indenture or any other material agreement or instrument to which the Company is a party or by which it is bound; (C) no default with respect to such debt securities of such series shall have occurred and be continuing on the date of such deposit; (D) the Company shall have delivered to such trustee an opinion of counsel that (1) the holders of the debt securities of such series will not recognize income, gain or loss for Federal income tax purposes as a result of the Company's exercise of its option under this provision of such indenture and will be subject to federal income tax on the same amount and in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if such deposit and defeasance had not occurred, and (2) the holders of the debt securities of such series have a valid security interest in the trust funds subject to no prior liens under the Uniform Commercial Code; and (E) the Company has delivered to the applicable trustee an officers' certificate and an opinion of counsel, in each case stating that all conditions precedent provided for in such indenture relating to the defeasance contemplated have been complied with. In the case of legal defeasance under clause (i) above, the opinion of counsel referred to in clause (D)(1) above may be replaced by a ruling directed to the applicable trustee received from the Internal Revenue Service to the same effect. Subsequent to a legal defeasance under clause (i) above, the Company's obligations to execute and deliver debt securities of such series for authentication, to maintain an office or agency in respect of the debt securities of such series, to have moneys held for payment in trust, to register the transfer or exchange of debt securities of such series, to deliver debt securities of such series for replacement or to be canceled, to compensate and indemnify the applicable trustee and to appoint a successor trustee, and its right to recover excess money held by the applicable trustee shall survive until such debt securities are no longer outstanding. After such debt securities are no longer outstanding, in the case of legal defeasance under clause (i) above, only the Company's obligations to compensate and indemnify the applicable trustee and its right to recover excess money held by the applicable trustee shall survive.

Applicable Law

The indenture provides that the debt securities and the indenture will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York.

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CAPITAL STOCK

Our authorized capital stock consists of 100,000,000 shares of common stock, \$0.001 par value, and 5,000,000 shares of preferred stock, \$0.001 par value. Our Certificate of Incorporation, as amended to date, does not authorize any other classes of capital stock.

Common Stock

As of March 31, 2008 there were 31,461,396 shares of common stock outstanding and approximately 389 shareholders of record. Holders of our common stock are entitled to one vote per share on all matters to be voted upon by the stockholders. The holders of common stock are not entitled to cumulative voting rights with respect to election of directors, and as a consequence, minority stockholders will not be able to elect directors on the basis of their shares alone. Our Board of Directors currently consists of six Directors each of whom is elected annually. No dividend on our common stock may be paid unless, at the time of such payment, we have on hand cash and other liquid assets sufficient to pay in full, in cash, the liquidation preference that would be payable to the holders of the preferred stock, if any, as if such liquidation preference were then payable. Subject to this preference and the preferences that may be applicable to the holders of any other class of our preferred stock, if any, the holders of our common stock are entitled to receive ratably such lawful dividends as may be declared by the Board of Directors.

In the event of liquidation, dissolution or winding up of Spectrum Pharmaceuticals, before any distribution of our assets shall be made to or set apart for the holders of our common stock, the holders, if any, of our Series E Convertible Voting Preferred Stock shall be entitled to receive payment out of our assets in an amount equal to the liquidation preference set forth in the Certificate of Designations for the preferred stock. If the assets available for distribution to stockholders exceed the aggregate amount of the liquidation preference with respect to all shares of the preferred stock then outstanding, then the holders of our common stock shall be entitled to receive, subject to the rights of the holders of any other class of our preferred stock, if any, pro rata all of our remaining assets available for distribution to our stockholders.

Our common stock has no preemptive or conversion rights, other subscription rights, or redemption or sinking fund provisions. All outstanding shares of our common stock are fully paid and nonassessable. The rights, powers, preferences and privileges of holders of our common stock are subject to, and may be adversely affected by, the rights of the holders of shares of any series of preferred stock.

Stockholder Rights Plan

On December 13, 2000, we adopted a Stockholder Rights Plan pursuant to which we have distributed rights to purchase units of our Series B Junior Participating Preferred Stock. The rights become exercisable upon the earlier of ten days after a person or group of affiliated or associated persons has acquired 15% or more of the outstanding shares of our common stock or ten business days after a tender offer has commenced that would result in a person or group beneficially owning 15% or more of our outstanding common stock, other than pursuant to a transaction approved in advance by our Board of Directors. The description and terms of the rights are set forth in a Rights Agreement between us and ComputerShare Trust Company, N.A., as rights agent, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 26, 2000, as Exhibit 4.1 to our Form 8-A, as amended by Amendment No. 1 dated July 23, 2003, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 14, 2003, as Exhibit 4.1 to our Form 10-Q for the period ended June 30, 2003, Amendments No. 2 and No. 3 dated May 10, 2004, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 17, 2004 as Exhibits 4.1 and 4.2 respectively to our Form 10-Q for the period ended March 30, 2004, the Fourth Amendment dated July 7, 2006, filed as Exhibit 4.1 to our Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on July 12, 2006, and Amendment No. 5 dated September 26, 2006, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 3, 2006 as Exhibit 4.2 to our Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2006.

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Certain Provisions of Delaware Law and of the Company's Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws

*The following paragraphs summarize certain provisions of the Delaware General Corporation Law and the Company's Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws. The summary does not purport to be complete and is subject to and qualified in its entirety by reference to the Delaware General Corporation Law and to the Company's Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws, copies of which are on file with the Commission. See *Where You Can Find More Information*.*

Our Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws contain provisions that, together with the ownership position of the officers, directors and their affiliates, could discourage potential takeover attempts and make it more difficult for stockholders to change management, which could adversely affect the market price of our common stock.

Our Certificate of Incorporation limits the extent to which our directors are personally liable to Spectrum Pharmaceuticals and our stockholders, to the fullest extent permitted by the Delaware General Corporation Law, or DGCL. The inclusion of this provision in our Certificate of Incorporation may reduce the likelihood of derivative litigation against directors and may discourage or deter stockholders or management from bringing a lawsuit against directors for breach of their duty of care.

Our Bylaws provide that special meetings of stockholders can be called only by the Board of Directors, the Chairman of the Board of Directors or the Chief Executive Officer. Stockholders are not permitted to call a special meeting and cannot require the Board of Directors to call a special meeting. There is no right of stockholders to act by written consent without a meeting, unless the consent is unanimous. Any vacancy on the Board of Directors resulting from death, resignation, removal or otherwise or newly created directorships may be filled only by vote of the majority of directors then in office, or by a sole remaining director. Our Bylaws establish advance notice procedures with respect to stockholder proposals and the nomination of candidates for election as directors, except for nominations made by or at the direction of the board of directors or a committee of the board.

In addition to our rights agreement, our Certificate of Incorporation and our Bylaws, certain provisions of Delaware law may make the acquisition of the company by tender offer, a proxy contest or otherwise, or the removal of our officers and directors, more difficult. For example, we are subject to the business combination statute of the DGCL, an anti-takeover law enacted in 1988. Section 203 of the DGCL prohibits certain publicly-held Delaware corporations from engaging in a business combination with an interested stockholder for a period of three years following the time such person became an interested stockholder unless the business combination is approved in a specified manner. Generally, an interested stockholder is a person who, together with its affiliates and associates, owns 15% or more of the corporation's voting stock, or is affiliated with the corporation and owns or owned 15% of the corporation's voting stock within three years before the business combination. In addition, our Certificate of Incorporation sets forth additional required approvals for business combinations with (1) a stockholder that owns 5% or more of our voting stock, or (2) is an affiliate or associate of ours and was the owner of 5% or more of our voting stock at any time within the three-year period prior to the determination time, or (3) is an affiliate or associate of the persons described in (1) and (2).

Transfer Agent and Registrar

Our common stock is listed under the symbol SPPI on the Nasdaq Global Market. Computershare Trust Company, N.A. is the Transfer Agent and Registrar for our common stock.

Preferred Stock

The Company is authorized to issue a total of 5,000,000 shares of preferred stock. Of the 5,000,000 authorized shares, the Company is authorized to issue 1,000,000 shares of Series B Junior Participating Preferred Stock and 2,000 shares of Series E Convertible Voting Preferred Stock. As of March 31, 2008, 170 shares of Series E Convertible Voting Preferred Stock were issued and outstanding.

Each share of Series E Preferred Stock is convertible into a number of shares of Spectrum Pharmaceuticals common stock equal to the quotient obtained by dividing the sum of a stated value of \$10,000 by a conversion price of \$5.00, subject to adjustment in certain circumstances. There are no dividends payable on the Preferred Stock.

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Each share of Series E Preferred Stock has a liquidation preference equal to 120% of the stated value of \$10,000 plus any declared and unpaid dividends on such share, subject to adjustment in certain circumstances.

Holders of our Series E Preferred Stock have full voting rights and powers equal to the voting rights and powers of holders of common stock, and are entitled to the number of votes equal to the number of shares of common stock into which their shares of Series E Preferred Stock can be converted. Pursuant to the Certificates of Designations for the Series E Preferred Stock, the number of shares of our common stock that may be acquired by any holder of Series E Preferred Stock upon any conversion of the preferred stock, or that shall be entitled to voting rights, is limited to the extent necessary to ensure that following such conversion, the number of shares of our common stock then beneficially owned by such holder and any other person or entities whose beneficial ownership of common stock would be aggregated with the holder's for purposes of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, does not exceed 4.95% of the total number of shares of our common stock then outstanding.

Terms

Preferred stock may be issued from time to time, in one or more series, as authorized by the board of directors. The prospectus supplement relating to the preferred shares offered thereby will include specific terms of any preferred shares offered, including, if applicable:

the title of the shares of preferred stock;

the number of shares of preferred stock offered, the liquidation preference per share and the offering price of the shares of preferred stock;

the dividend rate(s), period(s) and/or payment date(s) or method(s) of calculation thereof applicable to the shares of preferred stock;

whether the shares of preferred stock are cumulative or not and, if cumulative, the date from which dividends on the shares of preferred stock shall accumulate;

the procedures for any auction and remarketing, if any, for the shares of preferred stock;

the provision for a sinking fund, if any, for the shares of preferred stock;

the provision for redemption, if applicable, of the shares of preferred stock;

any listing of the shares of preferred stock on any securities exchange;

the terms and conditions, if applicable, upon which the shares of preferred stock will be convertible into common shares, including the conversion price (or manner of calculation thereof);

a discussion of federal income tax considerations applicable to the shares of preferred stock;

the relative ranking and preferences of the shares of preferred stock as to dividend rights and rights upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up of our affairs;

any limitations on issuance of any series or class of shares of preferred stock ranking senior to or on a parity with such series or class of shares of preferred stock as to dividend rights and rights upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up of our affairs;

any other specific terms, preferences, rights, limitations or restrictions of the shares of preferred stock; and

any voting rights of such preferred stock.

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Transfer Agent

The transfer agent and registrar for any series or class of preferred stock will be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement.

WARRANTS

As of March 31, 2008, we had warrants to purchase 9,679,829 shares of our common stock outstanding, held of record by approximately 59 security holders, of which warrants to purchase 9,562,329 shares of our common stock were exercisable. We typically issue warrants to purchase shares of our common stock to investors as part of a financing transaction, or in connection with services rendered by placement agents and outside consultants. Our outstanding warrants expire at varying dates commencing May 2008 through September 2013.

Terms

We may issue warrants for the purchase of our preferred stock, common stock or units of two or more of these types of securities. Warrants may be issued independently or together with preferred stock or common stock and may be attached to or separate from these securities. Each series of warrants will be issued under a separate warrant agreement. We will distribute a prospectus supplement with regard to each issue or series of warrants. Each such prospectus supplement will describe, as applicable:

the title of the warrants;

the aggregate number of warrants to be issued and currently outstanding, if any;

the price or prices at which the warrants will be issued;

the number or principal amount of securities purchasable upon exercise of the warrants and the exercise price of each warrant;

the procedures and conditions relating to the exercise of the warrants including:

the date on which the right to exercise the warrants will commence and the date on which the right will expire;

the maximum or minimum number of the warrants which may be exercised at any time; and

any limitations relating to the exchange and exercise of such warrants;

any provisions for adjustment of the number or amount of shares of our preferred or common stock receivable upon exercise of the warrants or the exercise price of the warrants;

in the case of warrants to purchase preferred stock, the designation, stated value and terms, such as liquidation, dividend, conversion and voting rights, of the series of preferred stock purchasable upon exercise of the warrants;

if applicable, the number of warrants issued with each share of our preferred or common stock, and the date on and after which the warrants and the related securities will be separately transferable;

if applicable, a discussion of any material federal income tax considerations; and

any other material terms of such warrants.

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Exercise of Warrants

Each warrant will entitle the holder of the warrant to purchase the securities, at the exercise price as shall be set forth in, or be determinable as set forth in, the prospectus supplement relating to the warrants. Warrants may be exercised at any time up to the close of business on the expiration date set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement. After the close of business on the expiration date, unexercised warrants will become void.

Upon receipt of payment and the warrant certificate properly completed and duly executed at the corporate trust office of the warrant agent or any other office indicated in the prospectus supplement, we will, as soon as practicable, forward the securities purchased upon such exercise. If less than all of the warrants represented by a warrant certificate are exercised, a new warrant certificate will be issued for the remaining warrants.

Prior to the exercise of any warrants, holders of the warrants will not have any of the rights of holders of the securities purchasable upon exercise, including the right to vote or to receive any payments of dividends on the preferred or common stock purchasable upon exercise.

Certificates for warrants to purchase securities will be exchangeable for new warrant certificates of different denominations to the extent set forth in the prospectus supplement.

UNITS

As specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, units will be comprised of two or more of the following securities in any combination: debt securities, preferred stock, common stock and warrants. You should refer to the applicable prospectus supplement for:

all terms of the units and of the debt securities, preferred stock, common stock and warrants comprising the units, including whether and under what circumstances the securities comprising the units may or may not be traded separately;

a description of the terms of any unit agreement governing the units; and

a description of the provisions for the payment, settlement, transfer or exchange of the units.

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PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

The securities that may be offered by this prospectus may be sold:
through agents;

to or through underwriters;

to or through broker-dealers (acting as agent or principal);

in at the market offerings within the meaning of Rule 415(a)(4) of the Securities Act, to or through a market maker or into an existing trading market, on an exchange, or otherwise;

directly to purchasers, through a specific bidding or auction process or otherwise; or

through a combination of any such methods of sale.

Agents, underwriters or broker-dealers may be paid compensation for offering and selling the securities. That compensation may be in the form of discounts, concessions or commissions to be received from us, from the purchasers of the securities or from both us and the purchasers. The compensation received may be in excess of customary discounts, concessions or commissions. Any underwriters, dealers, agents or other investors participating in the distribution of the securities may be deemed to be underwriters, as that term is defined in the Securities Act, and compensation and profits received by them on sale of the securities may be deemed to be underwriting commissions, as that term is defined in the rules promulgated under the Securities Act.

Each time the securities are offered by this prospectus, the prospectus supplement, if required, will set forth:
the name of any underwriter, dealer or agent involved in the offer and sale of the securities;

the terms of the offering;

any discounts concessions or commissions and other items constituting compensation received by the underwriters, broker-dealers or agents;

any over-allotment option under which any underwriters may purchase additional securities from us;

any initial public offering price;

any discounts or concessions allowed or reallocated or paid to dealers;

any securities exchanges on which the securities may be listed; and

the anticipated date of delivery of the securities.

The securities may be sold at a fixed price or prices, which may be changed, at market prices prevailing at the time of sale, at prices relating to the prevailing market prices or at negotiated prices. The distribution of securities may be effected from time to time in one or more transactions, by means of one or more of the following transactions, which may include crosses or block trades:

exchange offers or other transactions on the Nasdaq Global Market or any other organized market where the securities may be traded;

in the over-the-counter market;

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in negotiated transactions;

through put or call option transactions relating to the securities;

under delayed delivery contracts or other contractual commitments; or

a combination of such methods of sale.

If underwriters are used in a sale, securities will be acquired by the underwriters for their own account and may be resold from time to time in one or more transactions. Securities may be offered to the public either through underwriting syndicates represented by one or more managing underwriters or directly by one or more firms acting as underwriters. If an underwriter or underwriters are used in the sale of securities, an underwriting agreement will be executed with the underwriter or underwriters at the time an agreement for the sale is reached. This prospectus and the prospectus supplement will be used by the underwriters to resell the securities.

To comply with the securities laws of certain states, if applicable, the securities offered by this prospectus will be offered and sold in those states only through registered or licensed brokers or dealers.

Agents, underwriters and dealers may be entitled under agreements entered into with us to indemnification by us against specified liabilities, including liabilities incurred under the Securities Act, or to contribution by us to payments they may be required to make in respect of such liabilities. The prospectus supplement will describe the terms and conditions of such indemnification or contribution. Some of the agents, underwriters or dealers, or their respective affiliates may be customers of, engage in transactions with or perform services for us in the ordinary course of business. We will describe in the prospectus supplement naming the underwriter the nature of any such relationship.

Our common stock is listed on the Nasdaq Global Market. Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, each other class or series of securities issued will be a new issue with no established trading market. We may elect to list any other class or series of securities on any exchange, but we are not currently obligated to do so. It is possible that one or more underwriters, if any, may make a market in a class or series of securities, but the underwriters will not be obligated to do so and may discontinue any market making at any time without notice. We cannot give any assurance as to the liquidity of the trading market for any of the securities.

Certain persons participating in the offering may engage in over-allotment, stabilizing transactions, short-covering transactions and penalty bids in accordance with Regulation M under the Exchange Act. We make no representation or prediction as to the direction or magnitude of any effect that such transactions may have on the price of the securities. For a description of these activities, see the information under the heading **Underwriting** in the applicable prospectus supplement.

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WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

This prospectus is part of a registration statement on Form S-3 that we filed with the SEC registering the securities that may be offered and sold hereunder. The registration statement, including exhibits thereto, contains additional relevant information about us and these securities that, as permitted by the rules and regulations of the SEC, we have not included in this prospectus. A copy of the registration statement can be obtained at the address set forth below. You should read the registration statement for further information about us and these securities.

We file annual, quarterly and special reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act. You may read and copy this information at the following SEC location:

Public Reference Room
100 F Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20549

You may obtain information on the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at (800) SEC-0330. The SEC also maintains a web site that contains reports, proxy statements, information statements and other information about issuers, like Spectrum Pharmaceuticals, Inc., who file electronically with the SEC. The address of that web site is www.sec.gov.

In addition, our common stock is listed on the Nasdaq Global Market and similar information concerning us can be inspected and copied at the offices of The Nasdaq Stock Market, One Liberty Plaza, 165 Broadway, New York, NY 10006.

INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference information into this prospectus. This means that we can disclose important information about us and our financial condition to you by referring you to another document filed separately with the SEC. The information incorporated by reference is considered to be part of this prospectus. This prospectus incorporates by reference the documents listed below that we have previously filed with the SEC:

Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007 filed with the SEC on March 14, 2008;

Our Current Reports on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on March 11, 2008, March 27, 2008 and April 30, 2008;

The description of our common stock contained in the Registration of Securities of Certain Successor Issuers filed pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act on Form 8-B on June 27, 1997, including any amendment or reports filed for the purpose of updating such description; and

The description of our Rights to Purchase Series B Junior Participating Preferred Stock contained in the Registration of Certain Classes of Securities filed pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act on Form 8-A on December 26, 2000, including any amendment or reports filed for the purpose of updating such description.

We also incorporate by reference all documents that we file with the SEC after the date of this prospectus pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act and prior to the sale of all securities registered hereunder or termination of the registration statement. Nothing in this prospectus shall be deemed to incorporate information furnished but not filed with the SEC.

Any statement contained in this prospectus or in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference in this prospectus shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this prospectus to the extent that a statement contained herein or in the applicable prospectus supplement or in any other subsequently

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filed document which also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference modifies or supersedes the statement. Any statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this prospectus.

You may request a copy of the filings incorporated herein by reference, including exhibits to such documents that are specifically incorporated by reference, at no cost, by writing or calling us at the following address or telephone number:

William N. Pedranti, Esq.
Vice President, General Counsel
Spectrum Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
157 Technology Drive
Irvine, California 92618
Telephone: (949) 788-6700

Statements contained in this prospectus as to the contents of any contract or other documents are not necessarily complete, and in each instance investors are referred to the copy of the contract or other document filed as an exhibit to the registration statement, each such statement being qualified in all respects by such reference and the exhibits and schedules thereto.

EXPERTS

Our consolidated financial statements appearing in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007 and the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2007 included therein have been audited by Kelly & Company, our independent registered public accounting firm, as set forth in its reports included therein, and incorporated by reference in this prospectus and elsewhere in the registration statement. Our financial statements and management's assessment are incorporated herein by reference in reliance upon such reports given, on the authority of Kelly & Company as experts in accounting and auditing.

LEGAL MATTERS

Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP of Irvine, California will issue an opinion with respect to the validity of the securities to be offered and sold by this prospectus. If counsel for any underwriters passes on legal matters in connection with an offering of the securities described in this prospectus, we will name that counsel in the prospectus supplement relating to that offering.

Table of Contents**Spectrum Pharmaceuticals, Inc.****\$150,000,000****Debt Securities****Preferred Stock****Common Stock****Warrants****Units****PROSPECTUS****_____, 2008****PART II****INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS****Item 14. *Other Expenses of Issuance and Distribution***

The following table sets forth all expenses payable by us in connection with the offering of our securities being registered hereby.

SEC Registration Fee	\$ 5,895
Printing Expenses	5,000*
Legal Fees and Expenses	50,000*
Accounting Fees and Expenses	20,000*
Blue Sky Fees	0*
Miscellaneous	0*
 Total	 \$ 80,895

* Does not include expense of preparing prospectus supplements and other expenses relating to offerings of securities.

Item 15. *Indemnification of Directors and Officers****Spectrum Pharmaceuticals, Inc.***

Spectrum Pharmaceuticals is a Delaware corporation. Section 145(a) of the Delaware General Corporation Law (DGCL) provides that a Delaware corporation may indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, other than an action by or in the right of the corporation, by reason of the fact that such

person is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against expenses (including attorney fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by the person in connection with such action, suit or proceeding if the person acted in good faith and in a manner the person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful.

Section 145(b) of the DGCL provides that a Delaware corporation may indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action or suit by or in the right of the corporation to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of the fact that such person acted in any of the capacities set forth above, against expenses actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with the defense or settlement of such action or suit if the person acted in good faith and in a manner the person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, except that no indemnification shall be made in respect of any claim, issue or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable to the corporation, unless and only to the extent that the Court of Chancery or the court in which such action or suit was brought shall determine that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all the circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses which the court shall deem proper.

Further subsections of DGCL Section 145 provide that:

(1) to the extent a present or former director or officer of a corporation has been successful on the merits or otherwise in the defense of any action, suit or proceeding referred to in subsections (a) and (b) of Section 145 or in the defense of any claim, issue or matter therein, such person shall be indemnified against expenses, including attorneys fees, actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection therewith;

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(2) the indemnification and advancement of expenses provided for pursuant to Section 145 shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which those seeking indemnification or advancement of expenses may be entitled under any bylaw, agreement, vote of stockholders or disinterested directors or otherwise; and

(3) the corporation shall have the power to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against any liability asserted against such person and incurred by such person in any such capacity, or arising out of such person's status as such, whether or not the corporation would have the power to indemnify such person against such liability under Section 145.

Section 145 of the DGCL makes provision for the indemnification of officers and directors in terms sufficiently broad to indemnify officers and directors of Spectrum Pharmaceuticals under certain circumstances from liabilities (including reimbursement for expenses incurred) arising under the Securities Act of 1933. Spectrum Pharmaceuticals Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws provide, in effect, that, to the fullest extent and under the circumstances permitted by Section 145 of the DGCL, Spectrum Pharmaceuticals will indemnify any person (and the estate of any person) who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a director or officer of Spectrum Pharmaceuticals or is or was serving at the request of Spectrum Pharmaceuticals as a director or officer of another corporation or enterprise. Spectrum Pharmaceuticals may, in its discretion, similarly indemnify its employees and agents.

Spectrum Pharmaceuticals has entered into indemnification agreements with its officers and directors.

Spectrum Pharmaceuticals Bylaws relieve its directors from monetary damages to Spectrum Pharmaceuticals or its stockholders for breach of such director's fiduciary duty as a director to the fullest extent permitted by the DGCL. Under Section 102(b)(7) of the DGCL, a corporation may relieve its directors from personal liability to such corporation or its stockholders for monetary damages for any breach of their fiduciary duty as directors except (i) for a breach of the duty of loyalty, (ii) for acts or omissions not in good faith, or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, (iii) for willful or negligent violations of certain provisions in the DGCL imposing certain requirements with respect to stock repurchases, redemptions and dividends, or (iv) for any transactions from which the director derived an improper personal benefit.

Spectrum Pharmaceuticals currently maintains an insurance policy which, within the limits and subject to the terms and conditions thereof, covers certain expenses and liabilities that may be incurred by directors and officers in connection with proceedings that may be brought against them as a result of an act or omission committed or suffered while acting as a director or officer of Spectrum Pharmaceuticals.

Item 16. Exhibits and Financial Schedule

See the Exhibit Index attached to this registration statement and incorporated herein by this reference.

Item 17. Undertakings

(a) The undersigned registrants hereby undertake:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;

(ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the

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registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20 percent change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the Calculation of Registration Fee table in the effective registration statement; and

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement; Provided, however, that paragraphs (a)(1)(i), (a)(1)(ii) and (a)(1)(iii) do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the registrants pursuant to section 13 or section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement, or is contained in a form of prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) that is part of the registration statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

(4) That, for purposes of determining liability under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser:

(i) Each prospectus filed by the registrants pursuant to Rule 424(b)(3) shall be deemed to be part of the registration statement as of the date the filed prospectus was deemed part of and included in the registration statement; and

(ii) Each prospectus required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424(b)(2), (b)(5) or (b)(7) as part of a registration statement in reliance on Rule 430B relating to an offering made pursuant to Rule 415(a)(1)(i), (vii) or (x) for the purpose of providing the information required by section 10(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 shall be deemed to be part of and included in the registration statement as of the earlier of the date such form of prospectus is first used after effectiveness or the date of the first contract of sale of securities in the offering described in the prospectus. As provided in Rule 430B, for liability purposes of the issuer and any person that is at that date an underwriter, such date shall be deemed to be a new effective date of the registration statement relating to the securities in the registration statement to which that prospectus relates, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof. Provided, however, that no statement made in a registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement or made in a document incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference into the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract of sale prior to such effective date, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such effective date.

(5) That, for purposes of determining liability of the registrants under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser in the initial distribution of the securities, the undersigned registrants undertake that in a primary offering of securities of the undersigned registrants pursuant to this registration statement, regardless of the underwriting method used to sell the securities to the purchaser, if the securities are offered or sold to such purchaser by means of any of the following communications, the undersigned

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registrants will be sellers to the purchaser and will be considered to offer or sell such securities to such purchaser:

(i) Any preliminary prospectus or prospectus of the undersigned registrants relating to the offering required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424;

(ii) Any free writing prospectus relating to the offering prepared by or on behalf of the undersigned registrants or used or referred to by the undersigned registrants;

(iii) The portion of any other free writing prospectus relating to the offering containing material information about the undersigned registrants or their securities provided by or on behalf of the undersigned registrants; and

(iv) Any other communication that is an offer in the offering made by the undersigned registrants to the purchaser.

(b) The undersigned registrants hereby undertake that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of Spectrum Pharmaceuticals, Inc.'s annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrants pursuant to the foregoing provisions described in Item 15, or otherwise, the registrants have been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrants of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of any registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, each appropriate registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

(d) The undersigned registrants hereby undertake to file an application for the purpose of determining the eligibility of the trustee to act under subsection (a) of section 310 of the Trust Indenture Act in accordance with the rules and regulations prescribed by the Commission under section 305(b)(2) of the Trust Indenture Act.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Irvine, State of California, on May 2, 2008.

**SPECTRUM PHARMACEUTICALS,
INC.**

By: /s/ Rajesh C. Shrotriya
Rajesh C. Shrotriya, M.D.
Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and
President

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Signature	Title	Date
/s/ Rajesh C. Shrotriya, M.D.	Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer, and President	May 2, 2008
Rajesh C. Shrotriya, M.D.	(Principal Executive Officer)	
*	Vice President Finance (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)	May 2, 2008
Shyam K. Kumaria		
*	Director	May 2, 2008
Richard D. Fulmer		
*	Director	May 2, 2008
Stuart M. Krassner, Sc.D., Psy.D.		
*	Director	May 2, 2008
Anthony E. Maida, III		
*	Director	May 2, 2008
Mitchell P. Cybulski		
*	Director	May 2, 2008
Julius A. Vida, Ph.D.		

*by /s/ Rajesh C. Shrotriya

Rajesh C. Shrotriya, Attorney-In-Fact

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EXHIBIT INDEX

- 1.1** Form of Underwriting Agreement
- 4.1 Rights Agreement, dated as of December 13, 2000, between the Registrant and U.S. Stock Transfer Corporation, as Rights Agent, which includes as Exhibit A thereto the form of Certificate of Designation for the Series B Junior Participating Preferred Stock, as Exhibit B thereto the Form of Rights Certificate and as Exhibit C thereto a Summary of Terms of Stockholder Rights Plan. (Filed as Exhibit 4.1 to Form 8-A12G, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 26, 2000, and incorporated herein by reference.)
- 4.2 Form of Series D-1 Warrant. (Filed as Exhibit 4.1 to Form 8-K, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 16, 2003, and incorporated herein by reference.)
- 4.3 Form of Series D-2 Warrant. (Filed as Exhibit 4.2 to Form 8-K, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 16, 2003, and incorporated herein by reference.)
- 4.4 Registration Rights Agreement dated as of May 7, 2003, by and among the Registrant and the persons listed on Schedule 1 attached thereto. (Filed as Exhibit 4.4 to Form 8-K, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 16, 2003, and incorporated herein by reference.)
- 4.5 Amendment No. 1 to the Rights Agreement dated as of December 13, 2000 by and between the Registrant and U.S. Stock Transfer Corporation. (Filed as Exhibit 4.1 to Form 10-Q, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 14, 2003, and incorporated herein by reference.)
- 4.5 Registration Rights Agreement dated as of August 13, 2003, by and among the Registrant and the persons listed on Schedule 1 attached thereto. (Filed as Exhibit 4.1 to Form 8-K, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 15, 2003, and incorporated herein by reference.)
- 4.6 Form of Series 2003-1 Warrant (Filed as Exhibit 4.2 to Form 8-K, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 15, 2003, and incorporated herein by reference.)
- 4.7 Form of Series E-1 Warrant (Filed as Exhibit 4.1 to Form 8-K, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on September 30, 2003, and incorporated herein by reference.)
- 4.8 Form of Series E-2 Warrant (Filed as Exhibit 4.2 to Form 8-K, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on September 30, 2003, and incorporated herein by reference.)
- 4.9 Registration Rights Agreement dated as of September 26, 2003, by and among the Registrant and the persons listed on Schedule 1 attached thereto. (Filed as Exhibit 4.4 to Form 8-K, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on September 30, 2003, and incorporated herein by reference.)
- 4.10 Investor Rights Agreement, dated as of April 20, 2004, by and among the Registrant and the persons listed on Schedule 1 attached thereto. (Filed as Exhibit 4.1 to Form 8-K, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 23, 2004, and incorporated herein by reference.)
- 4.11 Form of Warrant, dated as of April 21, 2004. (Filed as Exhibit 4.2 to Form 8-K, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 23, 2004, and incorporated herein by reference.)
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Amendment No. 2 to the Rights Agreement dated as of December 13, 2000 by and between the Registrant and U.S. Stock Transfer Corporation. (Filed as Exhibit 4.1 to Form 10-Q, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 17, 2004, and incorporated herein by reference.)

- 4.13 Amendment No. 3 to the Rights Agreement dated as of December 13, 2000 by and between the Registrant and U.S. Stock Transfer Corporation. (Filed as Exhibit 4.2 to Form 10-Q, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 17, 2004, and incorporated herein by reference.)
- 4.14 Warrant issued by the Registrant to a Consultant, dated as of September 17, 2003. (Filed as Exhibit 4.3 to Form 10-Q, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 17, 2004, and incorporated herein by reference.)
- 4.15 Warrant issued by the Registrant to a Consultant, dated as of April 21, 2004. (Filed as Exhibit 4.4 to Form 10-Q, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 17, 2004, and incorporated herein by reference.)
- 4.16 Form of Warrant, dated as of September 30, 2004. (Filed as Exhibit 4.1 to Form 10-Q, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 15, 2004, and incorporated herein by reference.)
- 4.17 Amendment No. 1 dated as of November 2, 2005, to Warrant issued by the Registrant to a consultant, dated as of September 17, 2003. (Filed as Exhibit 4.2 to Form 10-Q, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 4, 2005, and incorporated herein by reference.)
- 4.18 Warrant issued by the Registrant to a Consultant, dated as of September 20, 2005. (Filed as Exhibit 4.3 to Form 10-Q, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 4, 2005, and incorporated herein by reference.)
- 4.19 Form of Warrant dated September 15, 2005. (Filed as Exhibit 4.35 to Form 10-K, as filed with the

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- Securities and Exchange Commission on March 15, 2006, and incorporated herein by reference.)
- 4.20 Registration Rights Agreement dated as of April 20, 2006, by and among the Registrant and Targent, Inc. (Filed as Exhibit 4.2 to Form 10-Q, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 8, 2006, and incorporated herein by reference.)
- 4.21 Fourth Amendment to Rights Agreement dated July 7, 2006. (Filed as Exhibit 4.1 to Form 8-K, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on July 12, 2006, and incorporated herein by reference.)
- 4.22 Amendment No. 5 to the Rights Agreement dated as of December 13, 2000 by and between the Registrant and U.S. Stock Transfer Corporation. (Filed as Exhibit 4.2 to Form 10-Q, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 3, 2006, and incorporated herein by reference.)
- 4.23 Amendment No. 2 dated as of March 26, 2007, to Warrant issued by the Registrant to a consultant, dated as of September 17, 2003. (Filed as Exhibit 4.1 to Form 10-K/A, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 30, 2007, and incorporated herein by reference.)
- 4.24 Form of Indenture.
- 4.25** Form of Note
- 4.26** Form of Warrant Agreement.
- 4.27** Form of Warrant.
- 4.28** Form of Unit Agreement.
- 5.1 Opinion of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP.
- 12.1 Statement Regarding the Computation of Ratio of Earning to Fixed Charges.
- 23.1 Consent of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1).
- 23.2 Consent of Kelly & Company.
- 24.1 Power of Attorney (included on this signature page to this Registration Statement).

+ Filed herewith

** To be filed by amendment hereto or pursuant to a Current Report on Form 8-K to be incorporated herein by reference.