

METABASIS THERAPEUTICS INC  
Form 8-K  
February 15, 2008

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**Form 8-K**

**Current Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of  
The Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **February 15, 2008**

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**Metabasis Therapeutics, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

**000-50785**  
(Commission File Number)

**33-0753322**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**11119 North Torrey Pines Road**  
**La Jolla, California**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**92037**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(858) 587-2770**

**Not Applicable.**  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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  - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 1.01. Entry Into a Material Definitive Agreement.**

On February 15, 2008, Metabasis Therapeutics, Inc. ( Metabasis ) entered into an Amendment (the Amendment ) to the Common Stock Purchase Agreement (the Purchase Agreement ), dated November 2, 2006, with Kingsbridge Capital Limited ( Kingsbridge ). Pursuant to the Amendment, among other things: (i) the minimum acceptable volume weighted average price for determining the purchase price at which Metabasis common stock may be sold in any pricing period will be the greater of \$1.75 or 90% of the closing price of Metabasis common stock on the day prior to the commencement of the pricing period; (ii) the maximum dollar amount of shares that Metabasis may require Kingsbridge to purchase in any such pricing period is equal to the lesser of \$10 million or a specified percentage of Metabasis market capitalization at the time of a draw down under the Purchase Agreement, equal to (1) 1.5% if Metabasis market capitalization is equal to or exceeds \$175 million, (2) 1.25% if Metabasis market capitalization is equal to or exceeds \$100 million but is less than \$175 million, or (3) 1% if Metabasis market capitalization is equal to or exceeds \$53 million but is less than \$100 million; and (iii) Kingsbridge no longer has the right to shorten the term of the Purchase Agreement from 36 months to 24 months in the event Metabasis fails to make cumulative draw downs of at least \$1.25 million during any consecutive twelve month period following the first anniversary of the Purchase Agreement.

In connection with the Amendment, on February 15, 2008, Metabasis amended and restated the warrant to purchase 260,000 shares of Metabasis common stock originally issued to Kingsbridge on November 2, 2006, in connection with the Purchase Agreement. Among other things, the amended and restated warrant (the Amended and Restated Warrant ) decreased the exercise price of the originally issued warrant from \$9.26 to \$4.63 per share.

Metabasis relied on the exemption from registration contained in Section 4(2) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Regulation D, Rule 506 thereunder, in connection with the Amendment and the Amended and Restated Warrant.

The foregoing descriptions of the Amendment and the Amended and Restated Warrant are qualified in their entirety by reference to the Amendment and the Amended and Restated Warrant, each of which is filed as an exhibit to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

**Item 3.02. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities.**

The information under Item 1.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K regarding the Amendment and the Amended and Restated Warrant is incorporated by reference into this Item 3.02.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

| Number | Description   |
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| 4.1    | Amended and Restated Warrant, dated February 15, 2008, issued by Metabasis Therapeutics, Inc. to Kingsbridge Capital Limited. |

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- 10.1 Amendment to Common Stock Purchase Agreement, dated February 15, 2008, by and between Metabasis Therapeutics, Inc. and Kingsbridge Capital Limited.

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**METABASIS THERAPEUTICS, INC.**

By: */s/ John W. Beck*  
John W. Beck  
*Senior Vice President of Finance, Chief  
Financial Officer and Treasurer*

Date: February 15, 2008

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