

CELL THERAPEUTICS INC
Form 8-K
December 07, 2012

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report: (Date of earliest event reported): December 7, 2012 (December 3, 2012)

CELL THERAPEUTICS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Washington
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation or organization)

001-12465
(Commission
File Number)

91-1533912
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification Number)

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3101 Western Avenue, Suite 600

Seattle, Washington 98121

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (206) 282-7100

Not applicable

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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

Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On December 3, 2012, the Board of Directors of Cell Therapeutics, Inc. (the Company) approved an amendment to the Company s Shareholder Rights Agreement dated as of December 28, 2009, between the Company and Computershare Trust Company, N.A., as Rights Agent, as amended by that certain First Amendment to Shareholder Rights Agreement dated as of August 31, 2012 (as so amended, the Rights Plan). The following description of the terms of the amendment does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the amendment, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 4.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

The amendment amends the definition of Final Expiration Date under the Rights Plan from the close of business on the third anniversary of January 7, 2010, or the record date, to the close of business on December 3, 2015. The amendment also decreases the exercise price of the preferred stock purchase rights (Rights) under the Rights Plan from \$14.00 to \$8.00. The Rights were initially distributed as a dividend on each share of the Company s common stock, no par value per share (Common Stock), outstanding on January 7, 2010, and currently trade with each outstanding share of Common Stock.

Item 3.03 Material Modification to Rights of Security Holders.

Please see the disclosure set forth under Item 1.01, which is incorporated by reference into this Item 3.03.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit

Number	Description
4.1	Second Amendment to Shareholder Rights Agreement, dated as of December 6, 2012, between Cell Therapeutics, Inc. and Computershare Trust Company, N.A., as Rights Agent.

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.

CELL THERAPEUTICS, INC.

Date: December 7, 2012

By: */s/ James A. Bianco, M.D.*
James A. Bianco
President and Chief Executive Officer

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