# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): September 7, 2017

# COHERUS BIOSCIENCES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 001-36721 (Commission File Number) 27-3615821 (IRS Employer Identification Number)

333 Twin Dolphin Drive, Suite 600 Redwood City, CA 94065 (Address of principal executive offices, including Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (650) 649-3530

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:
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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).
Emerging growth company $\Box$
If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

#### **Item 8.01 Other Events**

On September 7, 2017, Coherus BioSciences, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release regarding the U.S. Patent Trial and Appeal Board's decision to deny the institution of four Inter Partes Reviews brought by the Company related to AbbVie Inc.'s U.S. Patent 9,085,619, which generally concern the HUMIRA (adalimumab) formulation. The full text of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated by reference into this Item 8.01.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit
No. I

Description

99.1 <u>Press release dated September 7, 2017.</u>

#### **SIGNATURES**

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

Date: September 7, 2017 COHERUS BIOSCIENCES, INC.

By: /s/ Jean-Frédéric Viret
Name: Jean-Frédéric Viret
Title: Chief Financial Officer

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99.1 <u>Press release dated September 7, 2017.</u>

## **Coherus BioSciences Provides Update on '619 IPR Institution Decision**

Patent Trial and Appeal Board Denies Institution

REDWOOD CITY, Calif., September 7, 2017 -- Coherus BioSciences, Inc. (Nasdaq: CHRS) today announced that the Patent Trial and Appeal Board ("PTAB") of the United States Patent and Trademark Office denied institution of all four of its petitions for Inter Partes Review ("IPR") of AbbVie's U.S. Patent 9,085,619 ("the '619 Patent") related to AbbVie's HUMIRA (adalimumab) formulation.

"While we are disappointed by this outcome, we continue to develop and refine our legal strategies for addressing any patents, including formulation patents, that AbbVie may assert in District Court proceedings," said Denny Lanfear, President and Chief Executive Officer of Coherus.

#### About Coherus BioSciences, Inc.

Coherus is a leading pure-play, global biosimilar company that develops and commercializes high-quality therapeutics for major regulated markets. Biosimilars are intended for use in place of existing, branded biologics to treat a range of chronic and often life-threatening diseases, with the potential to reduce costs and expand patient access. Composed of a team of proven industry veterans with world-class expertise in process science, analytical characterization, protein production, sales & marketing and clinical-regulatory development, Coherus is positioned as a leader in the global biosimilar marketplace. Coherus is advancing three late-stage clinical products towards commercialization, CHS-1701 (pegfilgrastim biosimilar), CHS-0214 (etanercept biosimilar) and CHS-1420 (adalimumab biosimilar), as well as developing a robust pipeline of future products in four therapeutic areas, oncology, immunology (anti-TNF), ophthalmology and multiple sclerosis. For additional information, please visit www.coherus.com.

#### **Forward-Looking Statements**

Except for the historical information contained herein, the matters set forth in this press release, including statements regarding Coherus' plans, potential opportunities, expectations, projections, goals, objectives, milestones, strategies, product pipeline, product development, release of data and the potential benefits of its products under development are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the "safe harbor" provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, including Coherus' expectations regarding its ability to advance its intellectual strategy for CHS-1420 including a final decision nullifying the '135 Patent, to complete CHS-1420 development and to initiate CHS-1420 commercialization. Such forward-looking statements involve substantial risks and uncertainties that could cause our clinical development programs, future results, performance or achievements to differ significantly from those expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. Such risks and uncertainties include, among others, the uncertainties inherent in the clinical drug development process, including the regulatory approval process, the timing of our regulatory filings and other matters that could affect the availability or commercial potential of our biosimilar drug candidates, as well as possible patent litigation. Coherus undertakes no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements. For a further description of the risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ from those expressed in these forward-looking statements, as well as risks relating to Coherus' business in general, see Coherus' Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2017, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

HUMIRA® is a registered trademark of AbbVie Biotechnology, Ltd.

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