

Akers Biosciences, Inc.
Form 8-K
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U.S. 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): **November 28, 2017**

AKERS BIOSCIENCES, INC.

(Exact name of Company as specified in its charter)

New Jersey **001-36268** **22-2983783**
(State or other jurisdiction (Commission (IRS Employer
of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

201 Grove Road

Thorofare, NJ 08086

(Address of principal executive offices)

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(856) 848-2116

(Registrant's Telephone Number)

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

Item 3.01 Notice of Delisting or Failure to Satisfy a Continued Listing Rule or Standard; Transfer of Listing.

On November 28, 2017, Akers Biosciences, Inc. (the “Company”) received notification from the Nasdaq Listing Qualifications department of The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC (“Nasdaq”) indicating that the Company’s common stock (the “Common Stock”) was subject to potential delisting from Nasdaq because, for a period of thirty (30) consecutive business days, the bid price of the Common Stock had closed below the minimum \$1.00 per share requirement for continued inclusion under Nasdaq Marketplace Rule 5550(a)(2) (the “Bid Price Rule”). The notification had no immediate effect on the listing or trading of the Common Stock on the Nasdaq Capital Market.

Nasdaq stated in its letter that in accordance with the Nasdaq Listing Rules the Company has been provided an initial period of 180 calendar days, or until May 29, 2018, to regain compliance. The letter states that the Nasdaq Staff will provide written notification that the Company has achieved compliance with the minimum bid price listing requirement if at any time before May 29, 2018, the bid price of the Common Stock closes at \$1.00 per share or more for a minimum of ten (10) consecutive business days.

If the Company is unable to regain compliance by May 29, 2018, the Company may be eligible for an additional 180 calendar day compliance period to demonstrate compliance with the bid price requirement. To qualify, the Company will be required to meet the continued listing requirement for market value of publicly held shares set forth in Market Place Rule 5550(a) and all other initial listing standards for the Nasdaq Capital Market set forth in Marketplace Rule 5505, with the exception of the bid price requirement, and will need to provide written notice to Nasdaq of its intention to cure the deficiency during the second compliance period, by effecting a reverse stock split, if necessary. If the Company does not qualify for the second compliance period or fails to regain compliance during the second 180-day period, then Nasdaq will notify the Company of its determination to delist the Common Stock, at which point the Company would have an opportunity to appeal the delisting determination to a Hearings Panel.

The Company intends to monitor the closing bid price of the Common Stock and may, if appropriate, consider implementing available options to regain compliance with the minimum bid price requirement under the Nasdaq Listing Rules.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Letter from Nasdaq Listings Qualification department dated November 28, 2017.

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.

**AKERS BIOSCIENCES,
INC.**

Date: December 1, 2017 By: */s/ John J. Gormally*
John J. Gormally
Chief Executive Officer

