

AMYRIS, INC.
Form 8-K
April 11, 2016

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 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): **April 8, 2016**

Amyris, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-34885

(Commission File Number)

55-0856151

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

5885 Hollis Street, Suite 100, Emeryville, CA 94608

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(510) 450-0761

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(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 obligations 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 April 8, 2016, Amyris, Inc. (the “*Company*”) entered into a Securities Purchase Agreement (the “*Purchase Agreement*”) with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (the “*Gates Foundation*”), pursuant to which the Company agreed to sell and issue 4,385,964 shares of its common stock (the “*Shares*”) to the Gates Foundation at a purchase price per share equal to \$1.14, the average of the daily closing price per share of the Company’s common stock on the NASDAQ Stock Market for the twenty consecutive trading days ending on April 7, 2016, for aggregate proceeds to the Company of approximately \$5,000,000 (the “*Gates Foundation Investment*”). The Purchase Agreement includes customary representations, warranties and covenants of the parties. The closing of the Gates Foundation Investment is subject to certain conditions, including completion of certain licensing arrangements, which the Company expects to satisfy in the coming weeks.

In connection with the entry into the Purchase Agreement, on April 8, 2016, the Company and the Gates Foundation entered into a Charitable Purposes Letter Agreement (the “*Letter Agreement*”). Pursuant to the Letter Agreement, the Company agreed to use the proceeds from the Gates Foundation Investment to develop a yeast strain that produces artemisinic acid and/or amorphadiene at a low cost and to supply such artemisinic acid and amorphadiene to companies qualified to convert artemisinic acid and amorphadiene to artemisinin for inclusion in artemisinin combination therapies used to treat malaria. If the Company defaults in its obligation to use the proceeds from the Gates Foundation Investment as set forth above or defaults under certain other commitments in the Letter Agreement, the Gates Foundation will have the right to request that the Company redeem, or facilitate the purchase by a third party of, the Shares then held by the Gates Foundation at a price per share equal to the greater of (i) the closing price of the Company’s common stock on the trading day prior to the redemption or purchase, as applicable, or (ii) an amount equal to \$1.14 plus a compounded annual return of 10% from the date of issuance of the Shares. The Letter Agreement also includes customary representations, warranties and covenants of the parties.

Item 3.02 Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities.

The information contained in Item 1.01 above is incorporated herein by reference.

The Shares will be issued in a private placement pursuant to the exemption from registration under Section 4(2) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “*Securities Act*”) and Regulation D promulgated under the Securities Act.

Forward-Looking Statements

This report contains forward-looking statements, and any statements other than statements of historical facts could be deemed to be forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements include, among other things, statements regarding the closing of the Gates Foundation Investment, the use of proceeds therefrom and related matters. These statements are subject to risks and uncertainties, including the failure of closing conditions to be satisfied, and actual

results may differ materially from these statements. You are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of this report. The Company undertakes no obligation to revise or update any forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date hereof.

SIGNATURES

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.

AMYRIS, INC.

Date: April 11, 2016 By: /s/ Nicholas Khadder
Nicholas Khadder
SVP, Corporate
Secretary, and
General Counsel