

ABIOMED INC  
Form 8-K  
May 22, 2008  
**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: May 22, 2008**

**(Date of earliest event reported)**

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**ABIOMED, Inc.**  
**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**Delaware** **04-2743260**  
**(State or other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) (IRS Employer Identification Number)**  
**0-20584**  
**(Commission File Number)**

**22 Cherry Hill Drive**

**Danvers, MA 01923**  
**(Address of Principal Executive Offices, including Zip Code)**  
**(978) 646-1400**  
**(Registrant's Telephone Number, including Area Code)**

**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:

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

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

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**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On May 20, 2008, we elected Martin Sutter as a member of our Board of Directors. Mr. Sutter will serve as a Class III director until our 2010 annual meeting of stockholders and thereafter until his successor is duly elected and qualified. Mr. Sutter has been granted a stock option to purchase 25,000 shares of our common stock, vesting annually over five years. The stock option has an exercise price of \$13.91 equal to the closing price of our common stock on the date of grant, May 20, 2008. Although we expect that Mr. Sutter will be appointed to serve on at least one committee of the board of directors, the committees on which he will serve have not been determined at this time. Mr. Sutter is one of the two founding managing directors of Essex Woodlands Health Ventures. Essex Woodlands participated in our follow-on public offering in 2007, purchasing an aggregate of 2,600,000 shares of our common stock in the offering through various investment funds managed by Essex Woodlands.

**Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.**

A copy of the press release we issued announcing Mr. Sutter's election to our Board of Directors is set forth as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference herein. The information contained in this Item 7.01 and Item 9.01 below shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Securities Act of 1934, whether made before or after the date hereof and regardless of any general incorporation language in such filing, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

<b>Number</b>	<b>Title</b>
99.1	Press Release dated May 22, 2008.

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**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.

ABIOMED, Inc.

By: /s/ Daniel J. Sutherby  
Daniel J. Sutherby  
Chief Financial Officer

Date: May 22, 2008

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

Exhibit Number	Description
99.1	