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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

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**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): March 18, 2008**

***CADENCE PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.***

*(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)*

**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**001-33103**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**41-2142317**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**12481 High Bluff Drive, Suite 200, San Diego, California**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**92130**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(858) 436-1400**

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(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report.)

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1. **Bonuses Payable to Executive Officers for Fiscal 2007.** On March 18, 2008, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors (the “Compensation Committee”) of Cadence Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (the “Company”) approved cash bonus payments for the 2007 fiscal year to be paid to the Company’s named executive officers (“NEOs”) (as defined in Item 402(a)(3) of Regulation S-K promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission) with respect to the performance of the Company and such officers for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007. In addition, the Compensation Committee approved the promotion of David A. Socks to the position of Senior Vice President, Corporate Development and Strategy, at an annualized salary of \$260,130.

The bonus payments were based on an assessment by the Compensation Committee that the achievement of the Company’s corporate performance objectives for the year was 89%. These performance objectives included (i) the advancement of clinical development programs for the Company’s Acetavance™ and Omigard™ product candidates, (ii) the completion of a manufacturing development objective for Acetavance™, and (iii) the achievement of certain business development objectives. Under the terms of the Company’s 2007 Bonus Plan, the NEOs are eligible to receive a bonus ranging from zero to 150% of their target bonus based on achievement of corporate and individual performance goals for 2007. The target bonus for Theodore R. Schroeder, the Company’s President and Chief Executive Officer, for 2007 is equal to 50% of his base salary. The target bonus for executive and senior vice presidents for 2007 is 30%, and for vice presidents, 25%, of their respective base salaries. The 2007 bonuses approved by the Compensation Committee were as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>2007 Bonus</u>
Theodore R. Schroeder	President and Chief Executive Officer	\$170,000
William R. LaRue	Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer and Assistant Secretary	\$81,225
James B. Breitmeyer	Executive Vice President and Chief Medical Officer	\$97,716
Hazel M. Aker*	Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary	\$52,979
David A. Socks	Senior Vice President, Corporate Development and Strategy	\$55,085

\* Ms. Aker commenced her employment with the Company in April 2007.

**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: March 21, 2008

CADENCE PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

By: /s/ William R. LaRue  
Name: William R. LaRue  
Title: Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer  
and Assistant Secretary