# 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 (Date of earliest event reported): October 27, 2009

## CYCLACEL PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	0-50626	91-1707622
(State or other Jurisdiction of	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)
Incorporation)		
200 Connell Drive, Suite 1	500	
Berkeley Heights, New Jer	sey	07922
(Address of Principal Executive	Offices)	(Zip Code)
Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (908) 517-7330		
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(Former na	ame or former address if changed since l	ast report.)
Check the appropriate box below if the Formunder any of the following provisions:	a 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously	satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant
o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)		
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o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))		
o 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 or Listing.

On October 27, 2009, Cyclacel Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (the "<u>Company</u>") received a deficiency letter from The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC ("<u>NASDAQ</u>") notifying the Company that for the last 30 consecutive business days the bid price of the Company's securities had closed below \$1.00 per share, the minimum closing bid price required by the continued listing requirements of NASDAQ set forth in NASDAQ Marketplace Rule 5450(a)(1) (the "**Rule**").

In accordance with Marketplace Rule 5810(c)(3)(A), the Company has been given a grace period of 180 calendar days, or until April 26, 2010, to regain compliance with the Rule. To regain compliance, the closing bid price of the Company's securities must meet or exceed \$1.00 per share for at least ten consecutive business days. If the Company does not regain compliance with the Rule by April 26, 2010, NASDAQ will provide written notification to the Company indicating that its securities may be delisted from The NASDAQ Global Market. Alternatively, the Company may be eligible for an additional grace period if it meets the initial listing standards, with the exception of bid price, for The NASDAQ Capital Market.

On October 30, 2009, the Company issued a press release announcing its receipt of NASDAQ's deficiency letter. A copy of the press release is being furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report and is incorporated herein by reference.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits:

The following exhibit is furnished herewith:

99.1 Press release, dated October 30, 2009

#### **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 thereunto duly authorized.

#### CYCLACEL PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

By: <u>/s/ Paul McBarron</u> Name: Paul McBarron

Title: Executive Vice President — Finance,

Chief Financial Officer and Chief

Operating Officer

Date: October 30, 2009

#### EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No. 99.1 Description Press release, dated October 30, 2009



#### PRESS RELEASE

### CYCLACEL PHARMACEUTICALS RECEIVES DEFICIENCY NOTICE FROM NASDAQ GLOBAL SELECT MARKET

Berkeley Heights, NJ, October 30, 2009 — Cyclacel Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (NASDAQ: CYCC, NASDAQ: CYCCP; "Cyclacel" or the "Company") announced today that it received a Nasdaq Staff Deficiency Letter on October 27, 2009 indicating that the Company fails to comply with the minimum bid price requirement for continued listing set forth in Marketplace Rule 5450(a)(1). The letter gives Cyclacel notice that the Company's bid price of its common stock has closed under \$1.00 for the last 30 business days.

The Nasdaq notice has no effect on the listing of the Company's common stock at this time. Pursuant to Nasdaq Marketplace Rule 5810(c)(3)(A), the Company has an initial period of 180 calendar days, or until April 26, 2010, to regain compliance. The letter states the Nasdaq staff will provide written notification that the Company has achieved compliance with Rule 5450(a)(1) if at any time before April 26, 2010, the bid price of the Company's common stock closes at \$1.00 per share or more for a minimum of 10 consecutive business days.

If the Company cannot demonstrate compliance with Rule 5450(a)(1) by April 26, 2010, it may transfer its listing to The Nasdaq Capital Market if it meets the initial listing criteria set forth in Nasdaq Marketplace Rule 5505, except for the bid price requirement. In that case, it may have an additional 180 calendar day compliance period in which to comply with the minimum bid price requirement. The Company currently meets these initial listing criteria. Otherwise, the Nasdaq staff may begin the process to have the Company's securities delisted. At that time, the Company may appeal the Nasdaq staff's determination to delist its securities to a Listing Qualifications Panel.

#### About Cyclacel Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Cyclacel is a diversified biopharmaceutical company dedicated to the discovery, development and commercialization of novel, mechanism-targeted drugs to treat human cancers and other serious disorders. Sapacitabine, a cell cycle modulating nucleoside analog, is in Phase 2 studies for the treatment of acute myeloid leukemia in the elderly, myelodysplastic syndromes and lung cancer and in Phase 1 in combination with seliciclib. Seliciclib, a CDK (cyclin dependent kinase) inhibitor, is in Phase 2 for the treatment of lung and nasopharyngeal cancer. CYC116, an Aurora kinase and VEGFR2 inhibitor, is in Phase 1 in patients with solid tumors. Cyclacel's ALIGN Pharmaceuticals subsidiary markets directly in the U.S. Xclair® Cream for radiation dermatitis, Numoisyn® Liquid and Numoisyn® Lozenges for xerostomia. Cyclacel's strategy is to build a diversified biopharmaceutical business focused in hematology and oncology based on a portfolio of commercial products and a development pipeline of novel drug candidates. Please visit <a href="https://www.cyclacel.com">www.cyclacel.com</a> for additional information.

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#### **Risk factors**

This news release contains certain forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to be materially different from historical results or from any future results expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Such forward-looking statements include statements regarding, among other things, the efficacy, safety, and intended utilization of Cyclacel's product candidates, the conduct and results of future clinical trials, plans regarding regulatory filings, future research and clinical trials and plans regarding partnering activities. Factors that may cause actual results to differ materially include the risk that product candidates that appeared promising in early research and clinical trials do not demonstrate safety and/or efficacy in larger-scale or later clinical trials, the risk that Cyclacel will not obtain approval to market its products, the risks associated with reliance on outside financing to meet capital requirements, and the risks associated with reliance on collaborative partners for further clinical trials, development and commercialization of product candidates. You are urged to consider statements that include the words "may," "will," "would," "could," "should," "believes," "estimates," "projects," "potential," "expects," "plans," "anticipates," "intends," "continues," "forecast," "designed," "goal," or the negative of those words or other comparable words to be uncertain and forward-looking. These factors and others are more fully discussed under "Risk Factors" in the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008, as supplemented by the interim quarterly reports, filed with the SEC.

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