Ardea Biosciences, Inc./DE Form 8-K January 10, 2011

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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## 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): January 10, 2011 Ardea Biosciences, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

1-33734

(Commission

File Number)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

> 4939 Directors Place San Diego, California

**92121** (Zip Code)

94-3200380

(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (858) 652-6500

N/A

(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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#### Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On January 10, 2011, Ardea Biosciences, Inc. (the Company) reported certain financial information for the year ended December 31, 2010. A copy of the press release containing the financial information is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

The information contained in this Current Report shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act ), or incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act ), or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

#### Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure

On January 10, 2011, the Company issued the press release that is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and that is incorporated by reference into this Item announcing that the Company has earned a \$15 million milestone payment from Bayer HealthCare AG under the terms of their April 2009 global license agreement to develop and commercialize Ardea s mitogen-activated ERK kinase inhibitor compounds for cancer and other indications.

#### Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits. The following material is filed as an exhibit to this Current Report on Form 8-K:

#### Exhibit Number Document Description

99.1 Press Release dated January 10, 2011.

## 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 thereunto duly authorized.

## ARDEA BIOSCIENCES, INC.

Date: January 10, 2011

/s/ Christian Waage Christian Waage General Counsel

## EXHIBIT LIST

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