

AVI BIOPHARMA INC  
Form 8-K  
March 25, 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 (Date of Earliest Event Reported): **March 20, 2008**

**AVI BioPharma, Inc.**

(Exact name of Company as specified in its charter)

**Oregon**  
(State or other  
jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

**001-14895**  
(Commission File No.)

**93-0797222**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**One S.W. Columbia, Suite 1105**

**Portland, OR 97258**

(Address of principal executive offices)

**(503) 227-0554**

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

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**Not Applicable**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.**

**On March 20, 2008, AVI BioPharma, Inc. (the Company )** completed its acquisition of Ercole Biotech, Inc., a privately held Delaware corporation. A copy of the press release issued by the Company announcing the completion of the acquisition is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 hereto.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

The following exhibits are furnished herewith:

99.1 Press Release dated March 24, 2008.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) 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, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Portland, State of Oregon, on March 24, 2008.

AVI BioPharma, Inc.

By:

/s/ Alan P. Timmins

Alan P. Timmins  
*President and Chief Operating Officer*  
*(Principal Operating Officer)*

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<b>Exhibit</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Press Release dated March 24, 2008.