

MERIT MEDICAL SYSTEMS INC
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K/A

(Amendment No. 1)

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (date of earliest event reported): **May 13, 2010**

Merit Medical Systems, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Utah
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

0-18592
(Commission
File Number)

87-0447695
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

1600 West Merit Parkway
South Jordan, Utah
(Address of principal executive offices)

84095
(Zip Code)

(801) 253-1600

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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N/A

(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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EXPLANATORY NOTE

On May 13, 2010, Merit Medical Systems, Inc., a Utah corporation (Merit Medical) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission a Current Report on Form 8-K (the Initial Report) for the purpose of announcing its entry into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the Merger Agreement) with BioSphere Medical Inc., a Delaware corporation (BioSphere), pursuant to which Merit Medical has agreed to acquire BioSphere through a merger between a Merit subsidiary and BioSphere (the Merger), and as further described in the Initial Report. As described in the Initial Report, in connection with the Merger, Merit Medical has entered into a Stockholder and Voting Agreement dated May 13, 2010 (the Stockholder Agreement), with two stockholders of BioSphere, Cerberus Partners, L.P. and Cerberus International, Ltd. (the Stockholders), pursuant to which the Stockholders, subject to customary conditions, have agreed to vote their BioSphere shares in favor of adoption and approval of the Merger and against any proposal in opposition to or in competition with the Merger. The purpose of this Amendment No. 1 to the Initial Report is to file a copy of the Stockholder Agreement. Other than as set forth in this explanatory note, no other changes are made to the Initial Report.

Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

The Initial Report is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

2.1 Agreement and Plan of Merger by dated May 13, 2010 and among Merit Medical Systems, Inc., Merit BioAcquisition Co., and BioSphere Medical, Inc. (previously filed with the Initial Report)

10.1 Stockholder and Voting Agreement, dated as of May 13, 2010, among Merit Medical Systems, Inc., Cerberus Partners, L.P. and Cerberus International, Ltd. (filed herewith)

99.1 Press Release issued by Merit, dated May 13, 2010, entitled Merit Medical Signs Agreement to Acquire BioSphere Medical (previously filed with the Initial Report)

SIGNATURE

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.

MERIT MEDICAL SYSTEMS, INC.

Date: May 14, 2010

By:

/s/ Kent W. Stanger
Chief Financial Officer, Secretary and Treasurer

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