

IRONWOOD PHARMACEUTICALS INC

Form 8-K

September 23, 2010

**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):

**September 21, 2010**

**IRONWOOD PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State of incorporation  
or organization)

**001-34620**  
(Commission file number)

**04-3404176**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number)

**301 Binney Street**  
**Cambridge, Massachusetts**  
(Address of principal  
executive offices)

**02142**  
(Zip code)

**(617) 621-7722**

Registrant's telephone number.

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**Item 1.02. Termination of a Material Definitive Agreement.**

On September 21, 2010, in connection with the Transaction (as defined below), Ironwood Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (the Company) and Microbia, Inc. (Microbia) paid to Oxford Finance Corporation (Oxford) all amounts due and owing under the Master Security Agreement No. 8081150, dated as of January 16, 2009, and the promissory notes issued thereunder (collectively, the Debt Documents). Upon such payment, the indebtedness and obligations of each of the Company and Microbia under the Debt Documents were paid and discharged in full, all security interests previously held by Oxford with respect to such indebtedness and obligations were terminated and all other obligations of each of the Company and Microbia were deemed terminated (except those expressly identified in the Debt Documents as surviving, including indemnity obligations). Oxford's commitments to make credit extensions to either the Company or Microbia were also terminated.

**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On September 21, 2010, the Company's majority-owned subsidiary, Microbia, was sold to DSM Holding Company USA, Inc. (DSM Holding), a subsidiary of Royal DSM N.V. (the Transaction). In connection with the Transaction, DSM Microbia, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of DSM Holding, merged with and into Microbia, and Microbia remained the surviving corporation.

**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 hereunto duly authorized.

**Ironwood Pharmaceuticals, Inc.**

Dated: September 23, 2010

By: /s/ Michael J. Higgins  
Name: Michael J. Higgins  
Title: Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer