# 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 12, 2012

# CYCLACEL PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

**0-50626** (Commission File Number)

**91-1707622** (IRS Employer Identification No.)

200 Connell Drive, Suite 1500 Berkeley Heights, NJ 07922

(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(908)** 517-7330

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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#### Item 3.03 Material Modification to Rights of Security Holders.

On September 12, 2012, the Board of Directors (the "**Board**") of Cyclacel Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (the "**Company**") decided not to declare the quarterly cash dividend on the Company's 6% Convertible Exchangeable Preferred Stock (the "**Preferred Stock**") with respect to the third quarter of 2012 that would have otherwise been payable on November 1, 2012.

As previously disclosed, the Board also did not declare the quarterly cash dividend with respect to each of the four quarters of fiscal year 2009, the first, second and third quarters of fiscal year 2010, the second, third and fourth quarters of fiscal year 2011 and the first, second and third quarters of fiscal year 2012. To the extent that any dividends payable on the Preferred Stock are not paid, such unpaid dividends are accrued. As the Company failed to pay in an aggregate amount equal to at least six quarterly dividends (whether or not consecutive) on the Preferred Stock, the size of the Company's Board was increased by two members and the holders of the Preferred Stock, voting separately as a class, voted on May 24, 2011 and elected two directors to fill the vacancies created thereby, which directorships shall terminate when the Company pays all accrued but unpaid dividends.

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: /s/ Paul McBarron

Name: Paul McBarron

Title: Executive Vice President—Finance,

Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer

Date: September 13, 2012