

**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) **February 28, 2011**

**Aastrom Biosciences, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

**0-22025**  
(Commission File Number)

**943096597**  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**24 Frank Lloyd Wright Drive  
P.O. Box 376  
Ann Arbor, Michigan**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**48106**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(734) 930-5555**

(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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)  
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 Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))  
 Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On February 28, 2011 the Registrant issued a press release, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

Exhibit 99.1. Press release dated February 28, 2011

**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.

**Aastrom Biosciences, Inc.**

(Registrant)

**February 28, 2011**

**/s/ TIMOTHY M. MAYLEBEN**

(Date)

**Exhibit Index**

99.1 Press release dated February 28, 2011

## **Aastrom Biosciences Reports Operating Results for the Quarter and Six Months Ended December 31, 2010**

### **Conference Call Scheduled Today at 4:30 PM EST**

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Feb. 28, 2011 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Aastrom Biosciences, Inc. (Nasdaq:ASTM), the leading developer of autologous cellular therapies for the treatment of severe cardiovascular diseases, today reported operating results for the quarter and six months ended December 31, 2010, reflecting the recent change in the company's fiscal year end from June 30 to December 31. These results will be included in a new Form 10-K for this six month transition period, which the company plans to file in March.

"As a result of our recent financing and clinical progress, we ended 2010 in a strong position to advance our critical limb ischemia program into Phase 3 and complete our Phase 2 clinical program in dilated cardiomyopathy," said Tim Mayleben, president and CEO of Aastrom Biosciences. "We have an ambitious agenda for the year ahead. We plan to report final results from the ongoing Phase 2 CLI study during the second quarter, launch the first of two Phase 3 studies in CLI mid-year, report interim data from the IMPACT-DCM study and complete the ongoing Phase 2 Catheter DCM trial in the third quarter and launch the next phase of clinical testing in DCM by the end of the year."

#### **Operating Results for the Quarter and Six Months Ended December 31, 2010**

As of December 31, 2010, the company had a total of \$31.2 million in cash and cash equivalents, compared to \$14.7 million in cash and cash equivalents at December 31, 2009. The increase in cash is attributable to financings completed in January and December 2010.

Revenues for the quarter and six month period ended December 31, 2010 was \$253,000, compared to \$16,000 and \$89,000 for the same periods in 2009. This increase relates to the receipt of the Qualified Therapeutic Discovery Tax Credit received in November.

Research and development expenses for the quarter and six month period ended December 31, 2010 was \$4.4 million and \$8.6 million, versus \$3.3 million and \$6.2 million for the same periods a year ago. The increase in R&D expenses for both periods was primarily attributable to Phase III preparation for our CLI indication.

General and administrative expenses for the quarter and six month period ended December 31, 2010 was \$1.6 and \$3.3 million, compared to \$1.3 million and \$2.3 million for the same periods a year ago. The increase in G&A expenses for both periods is primarily due to expenses associated with non-cash stock based compensation and consulting.

Other income (expense) for the quarter and six months ended December 31, 2010 was \$(7.6) million and \$(7.7) million respectively, compared to \$0.3 million for both the quarter and six month periods a year ago. The expense in 2010 is predominantly due to the non-cash increase in fair value of outstanding warrants, including those issued in the December financing, driven by the increased fair market value of our common stock during these periods.

Net loss for the quarter and six months ended December 31, 2010 was \$13.3 million, or \$0.44 per share, and \$19.3 million, or \$0.66 per share, compared to a net loss of \$4.3 million, or \$0.20 per share, and \$8.1 million, or \$0.38 per share, for the same periods a year ago. The increase in net loss for these periods is primarily due to increased expense related to warrants. Loss per share comparisons were also impacted by the issuance of 10 million shares of common stock in December 2010 and 6.5 million shares of common stock issued in January 2010.

#### **Aastrom Conference Call Information**

Tim M. Mayleben, president and chief executive officer, Scott C. Durbin, chief financial officer, and Dr. Sharon Watling, Vice President of Clinical and Regulatory, will host a conference call to review and discuss operating results for the quarter and fiscal year ended December 31, 2010 at 4:30 p.m. (ET) today, February 28, 2011. Interested parties should call toll-free (877) 312-5881, or from outside the U.S. (253) 237-1173, and reference Aastrom's quarter and year-end conference call. The call will include a slide presentation and be available live in the Investors section of Aastrom's website at <http://www.aastrom.com/investor.cfm>. Please access the site at least 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start time in order to download the required audio software if necessary (RealPlayer or Windows Media Player). A replay of the call will be available at 7:30 p.m. (ET) on February 28, 2011 until 11:59 p.m. (ET) on March 13, 2011, by calling (800) 642-1687, or from outside the U.S. at (706) 645-9291. A podcast will be available after the live event at <http://www.aastrom.com/events.cfm> until 11:59 a.m. (ET) on May 10, 2011. The conference ID is 46976226.

Aastrom will also hold a Special Meeting of Shareholders on Monday, March 21, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. (ET) to approve an amendment to the company's Restated Articles of Incorporation to increase the number of authorized shares of common stock and an amendment to the company's 2009 Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan to increase the number of shares authorized for issuance. Proxy materials and information about the meeting can be accessed at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com).

#### **About Aastrom Biosciences**

Aastrom Biosciences is developing expanded autologous cellular therapies for use in the treatment of severe, chronic cardiovascular diseases. The company's proprietary cell-processing technology enables the manufacture of mixed-cell therapies expanded from a patient's own bone marrow and delivered directly to damaged tissues. Aastrom has advanced its cell therapies into late-stage clinical development, including a planned Phase 3 clinical program for the treatment of patients with critical limb ischemia and two ongoing Phase 2 clinical trials in patients with dilated cardiomyopathy. For more information, please visit Aastrom's website at [www.aastrom.com](http://www.aastrom.com).

The Aastrom Biosciences, Inc. logo is available at <http://www.globenewswire.com/newsroom/prs/?pkgid=3663>

This document contains forward-looking statements, including without limitation, statements concerning clinical trial plans and progress, objectives and expectations, clinical activity timing, intended product development, the performance and contribution of certain individuals and expected timing of collecting and analyzing treatment data, all of which involve certain risks and uncertainties. These statements are often, but are not always, made through the use of words or phrases such as "anticipates," "intends," "estimates," "plans," "expects," "we believe," "we intend," and similar words or phrases, or future or conditional verbs such as "will," "would," "should," "potential," "could," "may," or similar expressions. Actual results may differ significantly from the expectations contained in the forward-looking statements. Among the factors that may result in differences are the inherent uncertainties associated with clinical trial and product development activities, regulatory approval requirements, competitive developments, and the availability of resources and the allocation of resources among different potential uses. These and other significant factors are discussed in greater detail in Aastrom's Annual Report on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These forward looking statements reflect management's current views and Aastrom does not undertake to update any of these forward-looking statements to reflect a change in its views or events or circumstances that occur after the date of this release except as required by law.

**AASTROM BIOSCIENCES, INC.**

*(in thousands, except per share amounts)*

**CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED BALANCE SHEETS (Unaudited)**

	<u>December 31,</u>	
	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 14,739	\$ 31,248
Other current assets	645	451
Property and equipment, net	<u>1,240</u>	<u>1,128</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 16,624</u>	<u>\$ 32,827</u>

**LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY**

Warrant liabilities	\$ 268	\$ 25,718
Other current liabilities	2,072	3,910
Long-term debt	194	41
Shareholders' equity	<u>14,090</u>	<u>3,158</u>
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	<u>\$ 16,624</u>	<u>\$ 32,827</u>

**CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS (Unaudited)**

	<u>Quarter ended</u>		<u>Six months ended</u>	
	<u>December 31,</u>		<u>December 31,</u>	
	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>				
	<u>\$ 16</u>	<u>\$ 253</u>	<u>\$ 89</u>	<u>\$ 253</u>
<b>COSTS AND EXPENSES</b>				
Cost of product sales and rentals	2	2	34	2
Research and development	3,283	4,442	6,194	8,609
Selling, general and administrative	<u>1,316</u>	<u>1,579</u>	<u>2,262</u>	<u>3,265</u>
Total costs and expenses	<u>4,601</u>	<u>6,023</u>	<u>8,490</u>	<u>11,876</u>
<b>LOSS FROM OPERATIONS</b>	<u>(4,585)</u>	<u>(5,770)</u>	<u>(8,401)</u>	<u>(11,623)</u>
<b>OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE)</b>				
(Increase) decrease in fair value of Warrants	255	(7,591)	264	(7,690)
Other income, net	<u>10</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>35</u>

Total other income (expense)	<u>265</u>	<u>(7,576)</u>	<u>289</u>	<u>(7,655)</u>
<b>NET LOSS</b>	<u>\$ (4,320)</u>	<u>\$ (13,346)</u>	<u>\$ (8,112)</u>	<u>\$ (19,278)</u>
<b>NET LOSS PER SHARE (Basic and Diluted)</b>	<u>\$ (0.20)</u>	<u>\$ (0.44)</u>	<u>\$ (0.38)</u>	<u>\$ (0.66)</u>
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding (Basic and Diluted)	<u>21,713</u>	<u>30,117</u>	<u>21,196</u>	<u>29,185</u>

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