

APPLERA CORP  
Form 425  
June 12, 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): June 12, 2008**

**Invitrogen Corporation**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

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

**000-25317**  
**(Commission File Number)**

**33-0373077**  
**(IRS Employer**  
  
**Identification No.)**

**5791 Van Allen Way, Carlsbad, CA**  
**(Address of principal executive offices)**

**92008**  
**(Zip Code)**

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (760) 603-7200**

**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))

**Section 8 Other Events**

**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On June 12, 2008, Invitrogen Corporation, or the Company, and Applera Corporation, or Applera, issued a press release announcing the entry into a definitive agreement to merge Applera with and into Atom Acquisition, LLC, a direct wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, or Atom Acquisition. Atom Acquisition will be the surviving corporation and the Company's wholly owned subsidiary. A copy of the press release issued by the Company and Applera on June 12, 2008 regarding the transaction is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

**Section 9 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

**Item 9.01 Exhibits.**

**(d) Exhibits**

**Exhibit 99.1** Press Release, dated June 12, 2008.

**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.

INVITROGEN CORPORATION

(Registrant)

By: /s/ John A. Cottingham  
John A. Cottingham

General Counsel

Date: June 12, 2008