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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): 08/05/2008

Dynavax Technologies Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Commission File Number: 000-50577

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)

33-0728374
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

2929 Seventh Street, Suite 100
Berkeley, CA 94710-2753
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(510) 848-5100
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On August 5, 2008, Dynavax Technologies Corporation issued a press release announcing its financial results for the second quarter of 2008. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this current report and is incorporated herein by reference.

The information with respect to Item 2.02 in this current report and its accompanying exhibit shall not be deemed to be "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section or Sections 11 and 12(a)(2) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. The information contained in this current report and in the accompanying exhibit shall not be incorporated by reference into any filing with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission made by Dynavax Technologies Corporation, whether made before or after the date hereof, regardless of any general incorporation language in such filing.

Item 8.01. Other Events

On August 5, 2008, Dynavax Technologies Corporation issued in conjunction with Merck & Co, Inc. a press release announcing that a Phase 3 trial with the investigational hepatitis B vaccine, HEPLISAV, met its primary endpoint. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2 and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press Release, dated August 5, 2008 entitled "Dynavax Announces Second Quarter 2008 Financial Results."

99.2 Press Release, dated August 5, 2008 entitled "Dynavax and Merck & Co., Inc. Announce Phase 3 Trial with Investigational Hepatitis B Vaccine (HEPLISAV) Met its Primary Endpoint"

Signature(s)

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.

Dynavax Technologies Corporation

Date: August 05, 2008

By: /s/ Deborah A. Smeltzer

Deborah A. Smeltzer
Vice President, Operations and Chief Financial Officer

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Email: dsmeltzer@dynavax.com**DYNAVAX ANNOUNCES SECOND QUARTER 2008 FINANCIAL RESULTS*****Revenues Increase for Quarter, Per Share Net Loss Narrows***

BERKELEY, Calif. - August 5, 2008 - Dynavax Technologies Corporation (Nasdaq: DVAX) today reported financial results for the second quarter and six months ended June 30, 2008.

As of June 30, 2008, Dynavax reported cash, cash equivalents, marketable securities and investments held by Symphony Dynamo, Inc. (SDI) totaling \$63.1 million. This compares to \$88.2 million at December 31, 2007.

For the second quarter 2008, total revenues were \$10.0 million, compared to \$1.8 million reported for the second quarter in 2007. Revenues for the six months ended 2008 were \$16.3 million, compared to \$3.8 million for the same period in 2007. The increase in revenues for the second quarter and year-to-date reflects research and development funding under our collaboration with Merck & Co. Inc. (Merck) for HEPLISAV™, our hepatitis B vaccine product candidate. The reported revenues do not include collaboration funding from Symphony Dynamo Inc. (SDI) for cancer and HCV clinical activities. On a *pro forma* basis, including the collaboration funding from SDI, revenues were \$11.4 million and \$19.3 million for the three and six months ended June 30, 2008, respectively, compared to \$4.9 million and \$10.4 million for the same periods in 2007.

For the second quarter 2008, total operating expenses were \$16.6 million, compared to \$23.6 million for the second quarter in 2007. Operating expenses for the six months ended 2008 were \$36.5 million, compared to \$41.7 million for the same period in 2007. The decline in operating expenses for the second quarter and year-to-date resulted primarily from a reduction in clinical development costs. The operating expenses in 2007 also included a one-time license payment for the commercialization of HEPLISAV. Excluding the one-time and other non-cash charges for stock-based compensation and amortization of intangible assets, *pro forma* operating expenses were \$15.6 million and \$34.6 million for the three and six months ended June 30, 2008, respectively, compared to \$17.7 million and \$34.7 million for the same periods in 2007.

The tables included as part of this press release provide a reconciliation of GAAP revenues and operating expenses to *pro forma* revenues and operating expenses.

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The net loss of \$6.1 million, or \$0.15 per share, reported for the second quarter 2008 improved from the net loss of \$17.7 million, or \$0.45 per share, for the same period in 2007. The net loss of \$18.5 million, or \$0.47 per share, reported for the six months ended 2008 was also significantly less than the net loss of \$30.8 million, or \$0.78 per share, for the same period in 2007. For the second quarter and year-to-date, the improvement in net loss reflected the increase in revenues, in particular, revenue associated with the Merck collaboration.

Webcast Today

Dynavax will webcast a discussion of the HEPLISAV Phase 3 data announced today along with the company's second quarter 2008 financial results on Tuesday, August 5, 2008 at 4:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time / 1:30 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time. The webcast can be accessed on Dynavax's website at <http://investors.dynavax.com/events.cfm>. A telephonic replay of the discussion will be available through August 19, 2008 by dialing 1-888-203-1112, access code: 4643391. International callers can dial 1-719-457-0820, access code: 4643391.

About Dynavax

Dynavax Technologies Corporation discovers, develops, and intends to commercialize innovative TLR9 agonist-based products to treat and prevent infectious diseases, allergy, cancer, and chronic inflammatory diseases using versatile, proprietary approaches that alter immune system responses in highly specific ways. Our TLR9 agonists are based on

immunostimulatory sequences, or ISS, which are short DNA sequences that enhance the ability of the immune system to fight disease and control chronic inflammation. Our clinical product candidates include: HEPLISAV, a hepatitis B vaccine partnered with Merck & Co., Inc.; a therapy for metastatic colorectal cancer; and therapies for hepatitis B and C. Our preclinical asthma and COPD program is partnered with AstraZeneca. The NIH partially funds our preclinical universal influenza vaccine program that is being coordinated with Novartis. Symphony Dynamo Inc. (SDI) funds our colorectal cancer and hepatitis C therapeutic programs. While the NIH and SDI provide program support, Dynavax has retained rights to seek strategic partners for future development and commercialization. For more information, please visit <http://www.dynavax.com>.

Forward-looking Statements

This press release contains forward-looking statements that are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties. Actual results may differ materially from those set forth in this press release due to the risks and uncertainties inherent in our business, including difficulties or delays in development, initiation and completion of clinical trials, the results of clinical trials and the impact of those results on the initiation and completion of subsequent trials and issues arising in the regulatory process; achieving our Merck collaborative agreement objectives, resuming development and obtaining regulatory approval for HEPLISAV; continuation of our third party collaboration and funding arrangements; the scope and validity of patent protection and the possibility of claims against us based on the patent rights of others; our ability to obtain additional financing to support our operations; and other risks detailed in the "Risk Factors" section of our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. We undertake no obligation to revise or update information herein to reflect events or circumstances in the future, even if new information becomes available.

- Tables to follow -

DYNAVAX TECHNOLOGIES CORPORATION CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(In thousands, except per share amounts)

(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	June 30,		June 30,	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
Revenues:				
Collaboration revenue	\$ 7,701	\$ 752	\$ 13,475	\$ 1,499
Grant revenue	1,122	587	1,446	1,715
Service and license revenue	<u>1,155</u>	<u>461</u>	<u>1,371</u>	<u>570</u>
Total revenues	9,978	1,800	16,292	3,784
Operating expenses:				
Research and development (2)	12,946	19,164	28,066	32,796
General and administrative (3)	3,420	4,206	7,991	8,386
Amortization of intangible assets	<u>245</u>	<u>252</u>	<u>490</u>	<u>503</u>
Total operating expenses (1)	<u>16,611</u>	<u>23,622</u>	<u>36,547</u>	<u>41,685</u>
Loss from operations	(6,633)	(21,822)	(20,255)	(37,901)
Interest and other income, net	405	1,118	1,376	2,119
Interest expense	<u>(1,340)</u>	<u>(37)</u>	<u>(2,684)</u>	<u>(65)</u>
Loss including noncontrolling interest in Symphony Dynamo, Inc. (SDI).	(7,568)	(20,741)	(21,563)	(35,847)
Amount attributed to noncontrolling interest in SDI	<u>1,489</u>	<u>3,037</u>	<u>3,055</u>	<u>5,053</u>
Net loss	<u>\$ (6,079)</u>	<u>\$ (17,704)</u>	<u>\$ (18,508)</u>	<u>\$ (30,794)</u>
Basic and diluted net loss per share	\$ (0.15)	\$ (0.45)	\$ (0.47)	\$ (0.78)

Shares used to compute basic and diluted net loss per share

39,806 39,741 39,795 39,734

1. Total operating expenses excluding non-cash stock-based compensation charges are \$15.8 million and \$35.1 million for the three and six months ended June 30, 2008, respectively. Total operating expenses excluding non-cash stock-based compensation charges are \$22.9 million and \$40.2 million for the three and six months ended June 30, 2007, respectively.
2. Research and development expenses included non-cash stock-based compensation charges of \$0.4 million and \$0.6 million for the three and six months ended June 30, 2008, respectively. Research and development expenses included non-cash stock-based compensation charges of \$0.3 million and \$0.5 million for the three and six months ended June 30, 2007, respectively.
3. General and administrative expenses included non-cash stock-based compensation charges of \$0.4 million and \$0.9 million for the three and six months ended June 30, 2008, respectively. General and administrative expenses included non-cash stock-based compensation charges of \$0.4 million and \$1.0 million for the three and six months ended June 30, 2007, respectively.

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RECONCILIATION OF GAAP REVENUES TO *PRO FORMA* REVENUES

(In thousands)

(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	June 30,		June 30,	
	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
GAAP revenues	\$ 9,978	\$ 1,800	\$ 16,292	\$ 3,784
ADD:				
Collaboration funding incurred under SDI programs	<u>1,432</u>	<u>3,136</u>	<u>2,963</u>	<u>6,632</u>
<i>Pro forma</i> revenues (1)	<u>\$ 11,410</u>	<u>\$ 4,936</u>	<u>\$ 19,255</u>	<u>\$ 10,416</u>

1. These *pro forma* amounts are intended to illustrate the Company's revenues to be inclusive of collaboration funding provided for the SDI programs. The collaboration funding is reflected in the amount attributed to the noncontrolling interest in SDI in the Company's consolidated statement of operations, but would have been reported as revenue if SDI's results of operations were not consolidated with those of the company. Management of the company believes the *pro forma* results are a more useful measure of the Company's revenues because it provides investors the ability to evaluate the Company's operations in the manner that management uses to assess the continued progress of programs funded under the SDI arrangement. These *pro forma* results are not in accordance with, or an alternative for, generally accepted accounting principles and may be different from *pro forma* measures used by other companies.

DYNAVAX TECHNOLOGIES CORPORATION

RECONCILIATION OF GAAP OPERATING EXPENSES TO *PRO FORMA* OPERATING EXPENSES

(In thousands)

(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	June 30,		June 30,	
	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
GAAP operating expenses	\$ 16,611	\$ 23,622	\$ 36,547	\$ 41,685
LESS:				
Stock-based compensation expense	775	689	1,436	1,497
Licensing fee	-	5,000	-	5,000
Amortization of intangible assets	<u>245</u>	<u>252</u>	<u>490</u>	<u>503</u>
<i>Pro forma</i> operating expenses (2)	<u>\$ 15,591</u>	<u>\$ 17,681</u>	<u>\$ 34,621</u>	<u>\$ 34,685</u>

2. These *pro forma* amounts are intended to illustrate the Company's operating expenses excluding certain non-cash charges in accordance with the financial statements that management uses to evaluate the Company's operations. These *pro forma* results are not in accordance with, or an alternative for, generally accepted accounting principles and may be different from *pro forma* measures used by other companies.

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SELECTED BALANCE SHEET DATA

(In thousands)

	June 30,	December 31,
	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Assets	(unaudited)	
Cash and cash equivalents and marketable securities (1)	\$ 63,115	\$ 88,248
Property and equipment, net	11,165	7,314
Goodwill	2,312	2,312
Other intangible assets, net	2,749	3,239
Other assets	<u>17,597</u>	<u>19,336</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 96,938</u>	<u>\$ 120,449</u>
Liabilities, noncontrolling interest and stockholders' equity		
Current liabilities	\$ 15,442	\$ 19,904
Noncurrent portion of deferred revenue	39,785	40,792
Liability from Program Option exercised under the SDI collaboration	15,000	15,000
Other long-term liabilities	7,611	5,622
Noncontrolling interest in SDI.	5,286	8,341
Stockholders' equity	<u>13,814</u>	<u>30,790</u>
Total liabilities, noncontrolling interest and stockholders' equity	<u>\$ 96,938</u>	<u>\$ 120,449</u>

1. These amounts include investments held by SDI of \$28.0 million and \$31.6 million as of June 30, 2008 and December 31, 2007, respectively.

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This study, called PHAST (Phase 3 Heparin Short-regimen Trial), evaluated a two-dose regimen of HEPLISAV administered at 0 and 1 month compared to a three-dose regimen of Engerix-B® administered at 0, 1 and 6 months. The primary endpoint was the proportion of subjects who developed protective antibodies to hepatitis B after administration. In PHAST, 95.1 percent of subjects who received two doses of HEPLISAV (n=1,819) developed protective antibodies to hepatitis B when measured at 12 weeks versus 81.1 percent of subjects who received three doses of Engerix-B® (n=608) when measured at 28 weeks. The multi-center study evaluated 2,427 subjects from 11 to 55 years of age in Canada and Germany. Results of additional analyses from this trial will be presented in the future.

As previously disclosed, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) placed a clinical hold on the two Investigational New Drug (IND) Applications for HEPLISAV that is still in effect. In issuing the clinical hold, the FDA requested a review of clinical and preclinical safety data for HEPLISAV. Additionally, the FDA requested all available information about a single case of Wegener's granulomatosis reported in this Phase 3 trial.

HEPLISAV is based on Dynavax's proprietary immunostimulatory sequence (ISS) that specifically targets Toll-Like Receptor 9 (TLR9) to stimulate an innate immune response. HEPLISAV combines ISS with HBV surface antigen (HBsAg) and is designed to enhance the speed of protection.

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About Merck

Merck & Co., Inc. is a global research-driven pharmaceutical company dedicated to putting patients first. Established in 1891, Merck currently discovers, develops, manufactures and markets vaccines and medicines to address unmet medical needs. The Company devotes extensive efforts to increase access to medicines through far-reaching programs that not only donate Merck medicines but help deliver them to the people who need them. Merck also publishes unbiased health information as a not-for-profit service. For more information, visit www.merck.com.

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Merck Forward-Looking Statement

This press release contains "forward-looking statements" as that term is defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements are based on management's current expectations and involve risks and uncertainties, which may cause results to differ materially from those set forth in the statements. The forward-looking statements may include statements regarding product development, product potential or financial performance. No forward-looking statement can be guaranteed and actual results may differ materially from those projected. Merck undertakes no obligation to publicly update any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise. Forward-looking statements in this press release should be evaluated together with the many uncertainties that affect Merck's business, particularly those mentioned in the risk factors and cautionary statements in Item 1A of Merck's Form 10-K for the year ended Dec. 31, 2007, and in any risk factors or cautionary statements contained in the Company's periodic reports on Form 10-Q or current reports on Form 8-K, which the Company incorporates by reference.

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