

Tobira Therapeutics, Inc.
Form SC TO-C
September 20, 2016

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE TO
(RULE 14D-100)

Tender Offer Statement Pursuant to Section 14(d)(1) or 13(e)(1)
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

TOBIRA THERAPEUTICS, INC.

(Name of Subject Company)

SAPPHIRE ACQUISITION CORP.

(Offeror)

A Wholly Owned Subsidiary of

ALLERGAN HOLDCO US, INC.

(Parent of Offeror)

An Indirect Wholly Owned Subsidiary of

ALLERGAN plc

(Parent of Offeror)

(Name of Filing Persons)

COMMON STOCK, \$0.001 PAR VALUE

(Title of Class of Securities)

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(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

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N/A*

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- x third-party tender offer subject to Rule 14d-1.
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.. amendment to Schedule 13D under Rule 13d-2.

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- .. Rule 13e-4(i) (Cross-Border Issuer Tender Offer)
- .. Rule 14d-1(d) (Cross-Border Third-Party Tender Offer)

This filing relates solely to preliminary communications made before the commencement of a tender offer by Sapphire Acquisition Corp., a Delaware corporation (Purchaser), a wholly owned subsidiary of Allergan Holdco US, Inc., a Delaware corporation (Parent), and an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Allergan plc, an Irish public limited company (Allergan), for all of the outstanding shares of common stock, par value \$0.001 per share (Shares), of Tobira Therapeutics, Inc., a Delaware corporation (Tobira), at a price of (x) \$28.35 per share, net to the seller in cash, without interest and less any applicable withholding taxes, plus (y) one contractual contingent value right per Share, which represents the right to receive contingent payments of up to \$49.84 in cash in the aggregate, if any, if certain specified milestones are achieved, pursuant to an Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of September 19, 2016, by and among Parent, Purchaser and Tobira.

Notice to Investors

The tender offer for the outstanding common stock of Tobira referred to in this filing and related exhibits has not yet commenced. The description contained in this filing and related exhibits is neither an offer to purchase nor a solicitation of an offer to sell any securities. The solicitation and the offer to buy shares of Tobira common stock will be made pursuant to an offer to purchase and related materials that Allergan intends to file with the Securities and Exchange Commission. At the time the offer is commenced, Allergan will file a tender offer statement on Schedule TO with the Securities and Exchange Commission, and thereafter Tobira will file a solicitation/recommendation statement on Schedule 14D-9 with respect to the offer. The tender offer statement (including an offer to purchase, a related letter of transmittal and other offer documents) and the solicitation/recommendation statement will contain important information that should be read carefully and considered before any decision is made with respect to the tender offer. Additionally, Tobira and Allergan will file other relevant materials in connection with the proposed acquisition of Tobira by Allergan pursuant to the terms of the Merger Agreement. These materials will be sent free of charge to all stockholders of Tobira when available. In addition, all of these materials (and all other materials filed by Tobira with the Securities and Exchange Commission) will be available at no charge from the Securities and Exchange Commission through its website at www.sec.gov. Free copies of the offer to purchase, the related letter of transmittal and certain other offering documents will be made available by Allergan and when available may be obtained by directing a request to Allergan's Investor Relations Department at (862) 261-7488. Investors and security holders may also obtain free copies of the documents filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission by Tobira by contacting Tobira's Investor Relations Department at (650) 351-5013.

INVESTORS AND SHAREHOLDERS OF TOBIRA ARE ADVISED TO READ THE SCHEDULE TO AND THE SCHEDULE 14D-9, AS EACH MAY BE AMENDED OR SUPPLEMENTED FROM TIME TO TIME, AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS FILED WITH THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BEFORE THEY MAKE ANY DECISION WITH RESPECT TO THE TENDER OFFER OR MERGER, BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION AND THE PARTIES THERETO.

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit

| No. | Description |
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| 99.1 | Press release dated September 20, 2016. |