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: December 23, 2016 (Date of earliest event reported)

ENTEROMEDICS INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Commission File Number: 1-33818

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 48-1293684 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

2800 Patton Road, St. Paul, Minnesota 55113 (Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(651) 634-3003

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(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:

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Dere-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01 Other Events.

Reverse Split

On December 23, 2016, EnteroMedics Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing that the Company's Board of Directors had approved a one (1) for seventy (70) reverse split of the Company's outstanding common stock, \$0.01 par value per share (the "Reverse Stock Split"). The Company expects that the Reverse Stock Split will be effective for trading purposes upon the commencement of trading on December 28, 2016, at which point the Company's common stock will begin trading on a split adjusted basis on the NASDAQ Capital Market. Additionally, as part of the Reverse Stock Split, proportional adjustments will be made to the Company's outstanding stock options and warrants. The Reverse Stock Split was approved by the Company's stockholders at a special meeting of stockholders held on December 12, 2016.

The Reverse Stock Split will not affect the number of shares of common stock or preferred stock authorized by the Company's certificate of incorporation, or the par value of the Company's stock. The Company will not issue any fractional shares as a result of the Reverse Stock Split. Instead, fractional shares of common stock will be rounded up to the nearest whole share and any fractional shares issuable pursuant to stock options or warrants will be rounded down to the nearest whole share. After the effectiveness of the Reverse Stock Split, the stockholders will receive information from Wells Fargo Shareowner Services, the Company's transfer agent, regarding the process for exchanging their shares.

The Reverse Stock Split is being effected as part of the Company's plan to regain compliance with the \$1.00 minimum bid price continued listing requirement of the NASDAQ Capital Market. As previously disclosed, the Company received a letter from the NASDAQ Listing Qualifications Staff in May 2016 indicating that the bid price of the Company's common stock for the last 30 consecutive trading days had closed below the minimum of \$1.00 per share required for continued listing. Additionally, on November 9, 2016, the Company received a notice of delisting related to its failure to comply with the Minimum Bid rule. The Company has appealed to Nasdaq for a hearing before a Listing Qualification Panel prior to being delisted, which is currently scheduled for January 12, 2017.

A copy of the press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

Retirement of Senior Amortizing Convertible Notes

On December 23, 2016, the Company announced that all \$18.75 million of its Senior Amortizing Convertible Notes (the "Notes") will be converted as of Tuesday, December 27, 2016 into shares of common stock or amortized through issuances of stock and so will no longer be outstanding as of that date. The Notes were issued to four institutional investors pursuant to a securities purchase agreement dated as of November 4, 2015. Under the terms of the securities purchase agreement, the Company issued \$1.5 million of the Notes at the initial closing, with the balance issued in two tranches of \$11.0 million and \$6.25 million. In connection with the issuance of the Notes, the Company issued warrants to each holder, which remain outstanding. The Company used the net proceeds from this offering to continue its commercialization efforts for vBloc® Neurometabolic Therapy, clinical and product development activities, and for other working capital and general corporate purposes.

A copy of the press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01	Financial Statements and Exhibits.
(d) Exhibits	
Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press Release dated December 23, 2016.

SIGNATURE

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.

ENTEROMEDICS INC.

By: /s/ Scott P. Youngstrom

Scott P. Youngstrom Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer

Date: December 23, 2016

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.Description99.1Press Release dated December 23, 2016.



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EnteroMedics Announces 1-for-70 Reverse Stock Split

ST. PAUL, Minnesota, December 23, 2016 – EnteroMedics Inc. (NASDAQ:ETRM), the developer of medical devices using neuroblocking technology to treat obesity, metabolic diseases and other gastrointestinal disorders, today announced that the EnteroMedics Board of Directors has declared a 1-for-70 reverse stock split of the Company's common stock, which will be effective for trading purposes upon the commencement of trading on December 28, 2016. As of that date, each 70 shares of issued and outstanding common stock and equivalents will be converted into 1 share of common stock. Any fractional shares of common stock resulting from the reverse stock split will be rounded up to the nearest whole share and any fractional shares of common stock issuable pursuant to stock options or warrants will be rounded down to the nearest whole share. The reverse stock split is being effected as part of the Company's plan to regain compliance with the \$1.00 minimum bid price continued listing requirement of the NASDAQ Capital Market. EnteroMedics stockholders will receive instructions from its transfer agent, Wells Fargo Bank National Association, as to procedures for exchanging existing stock certificates or book-entry shares.

Additionally, the Company announced that all \$18.75 million of its Senior Amortizing Convertible Notes (the "Notes") will be converted as of Tuesday, December 27, 2016, into shares of common stock or amortized through issuances of stock and so will no longer be outstanding as of that date. The Notes were issued to four institutional investors pursuant to a securities purchase agreement dated as of November 4, 2015. Under the terms of the securities purchase agreement, the Company issued \$1.5 million of the Notes at the initial closing, with the balance issued in two tranches of \$11.0 million and \$6.25 million. The Company used the net proceeds from this offering to continue its commercialization efforts for vBloc[®] Neurometabolic Therapy, clinical and product development activities, and for other working capital and general corporate purposes.

"Completion of the reverse stock split is a crucial step in our strategy to maintain the Company's listing on the Nasdaq Capital Market and to enable the Company to continue its diligent work in highlighting vBloc Therapy's role in the ongoing battle against obesity," said Dan Gladney, EnteroMedics President, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board. "Additionally, as previously stated, we will meet our goal of converting or redeeming all of our outstanding convertible notes prior to the end of 2016 and look forward to working towards our long-term objective of securing reimbursement coverage for vBloc Therapy for all appropriate patients."

About EnteroMedics Inc.

EnteroMedics is a medical device company focused on the development and commercialization of its neuroscience based technology to treat obesity and metabolic diseases. vBloc[®] Neurometabolic Therapy, delivered by a pacemaker-like device called the vBloc[®] System, is designed to intermittently block the vagus nerves using high-frequency, low-energy, electrical impulses. EnteroMedics' vBloc[®] System has received U.S. Food and Drug Administration approval and CE Mark.

Information about the vBloc® System and vBloc® Neurometabolic Therapy

You should not have an implanted vBloc[®] System if you have cirrhosis of the liver, high blood pressure in the veins of the liver, enlarged veins in your esophagus or a significant hiatal hernia of the stomach; if you need magnetic resonance imaging (MRI); if you have a permanently implanted, electrical medical device; or if you need a diathermy procedure using heat. The most common related adverse events that were experienced during clinical study of the vBloc System included pain, heartburn, nausea, difficulty swallowing, belching, wound redness or irritation, and constipation.

Talk with your doctor about the full risks and benefits of vBloc Therapy and vBloc System. For additional prescribing information, please visit <u>www.enteromedics.com</u>.

If you are interested in learning more about vBloc Neurometabolic Therapy, please visit www.vbloc.com or call 1-800-MY-VBLOC.

Forward-Looking Safe Harbor Statement:

This press release contains forward-looking statements about EnteroMedics Inc. Our actual results could differ materially from those discussed due to known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors including our limited history of operations; our losses since inception and for the foreseeable future; our limited commercial sales experience with our vBloc[®] System for the treatment of obesity in the United States or in any foreign market other than Australia and the European Community; our ability to regain and then maintain compliance with the Nasdaq continued listing requirements; our ability to commercialize our vBloc[®] System; our dependence on third parties to initiate and perform our clinical trials; the need to obtain regulatory approval for any modifications to our vBloc[®] System; physician adoption of our vBloc[®] System and vBloc[®] Neurometabolic Therapy; our ability to obtain third party coding, coverage or payment levels; ongoing regulatory compliance; our dependence on third party manufacturers and suppliers; the successful development of our sales and marketing capabilities; our ability to raise additional capital when needed; international commercialization and operation; our ability to attract and retain management and other personnel and to manage our growth effectively; potential product liability claims; potential healthcare fraud and abuse claims; healthcare legislative reform; and our ability to obtain and maintain intellectual property protection for our technology and products. These and additional risks and uncertainties are described more fully in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, particularly those factors identified as "risk factors" in the annual report on Form 10-K filed March 28, 2016. We are providing this information as of the date of this press release and do not undertake any obligation to update any forward-looking statements contained in this document as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.