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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**  
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) July 19, 2017

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**DARÉ BIOSCIENCE, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

**001-36395**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**20-4139823**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**11119 North Torrey Pines Road, Suite 200**  
**La Jolla, CA 92037**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices and Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code**  
**(858) 769-9145**

**Not Applicable**  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- 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))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On July 19, 2017, Daré Bioscience, Inc., a Delaware corporation previously known as Cerulean Pharma Inc., or the Company, issued a joint press release with Daré Bioscience Operations, Inc., a Delaware corporation previously known as Daré Bioscience, Inc., or Daré Operations, announcing the closing of the transactions contemplated by the stock purchase agreement entered into by the Company, Daré Operations and the security holders of Daré Operations on March 19, 2017, or the Daré Transaction, and the Company's reverse stock split and name change. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

On July 20, 2017, the Company issued a press release announcing, among other items, the approval and completion of the Daré Transaction as contemplated in the Company's definitive proxy statement filed with the SEC on June 19, 2017. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2 and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Press Release dated July 19, 2017.
99.2	Press Release dated July 20, 2017.

**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.

**DARÉ BIOSCIENCE, INC.**

Dated: July 20, 2017

By: /s/ Sabrina Martucci Johnson

Name: Sabrina Martucci Johnson

Title: President and Chief Executive Officer



July 19, 2017

### **Cerulean Pharma and Daré Bioscience Announce Closing and New Stock Symbol, "DARE"**

**WALTHAM, Mass. & SAN DIEGO — (BUSINESS WIRE)** — Cerulean Pharma Inc. (NASDAQ:CERU) and Daré Bioscience Operations, Inc. (formerly Daré Bioscience, Inc.) today announced the closing of the transactions contemplated by the stock purchase agreement entered into by the companies on March 19, 2017. As a result of these transactions, (i) the former holders of Daré equity securities now hold approximately 51% of Cerulean capital stock (calculated based on the stock purchase agreement), (ii) Daré Bioscience Operations, Inc. has become a wholly-owned subsidiary of Cerulean, (iii) Cerulean is changing its name to "Daré Bioscience, Inc.," effective as of Thursday, July 20, 2017, and (iv) a one-for-ten reverse stock split of the combined company's common stock will be effected on Thursday, July 20, 2017. The issuance of the shares of common stock to the former holders of Daré equity securities pursuant to the transaction was approved by the holders of more than 96% of the shares of Cerulean common stock present at the Special Meeting of Stockholders of Cerulean held today.

As a result of the reverse stock split, every ten shares of Cerulean's common stock issued and outstanding prior to the opening of trading on Thursday, July 20, 2017 will be consolidated into one issued and outstanding share, with no change in the nominal par value per share of \$0.0001. No fractional shares will be issued as a result of the reverse stock split. Stockholders who otherwise would be entitled to receive a fractional share in connection with the reverse stock split will receive a cash payment in lieu thereof. The shares underlying all outstanding options and warrants, including those assumed in connection with the transaction with Daré, will also be adjusted accordingly.

Beginning on July 20, 2017, the common stock of the combined company will continue trading on the NASDAQ Capital Market, but, will reflect the new name "Daré Bioscience, Inc.," the new stock symbol "DARE" and the new number of split adjusted shares. There will be approximately 6,047,200 shares of Daré common stock issued and outstanding after the split. The common stock will also trade under a new CUSIP number, 23666P 101.

For more information regarding Cerulean's reverse stock split, please refer to the definitive proxy statement on Schedule 14A filed by Cerulean with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 19, 2017.

#### **About Daré Bioscience (the combined company)**

Daré Bioscience is a healthcare company committed to the development and commercialization of innovative products in women's reproductive health. Daré believes there is an unmet need in the United States, in other developed countries, and in developing countries, for innovative product candidates that expand options, improve outcomes and are easy to use. Product development in women's reproductive health is fragmented creating a potential opportunity for Daré. Daré's goal is to fill the gap by taking products from innovation through development and

believes its management team is well-suited to ensure Daré's current and potential future product candidates and products advance and one day become commercially available. Daré's founders, including its executive management team, bring experience in global women's healthcare as well as success in prior ventures in funding, achieving regulatory approvals, partnering, and launching a number of products, including devices, therapeutics and diagnostics.

For more information on Daré, please visit [www.darebioscience.com](http://www.darebioscience.com)

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**Daré Bioscience, Inc.**

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**Daré Bioscience, Inc. trading on The NASDAQ Capital Market under the symbol “DARE”**

*Company focused on the development and commercialization of women’s reproductive health products  
Daré to Host Conference Call on Monday, July 24, 2017, at  
4:30 p.m. Eastern Time / 1:30 p.m. Pacific Time to Discuss Business Opportunity*

**SAN DIEGO, CA, July 20, 2017 /GlobeNewswire/** — Daré Bioscience, Inc. (NASDAQ: DARE) (formerly known as Cerulean Pharma Inc., and formerly traded under NASDAQ: CERU) announced today the outcomes of three important transactions: (i) approval by Cerulean stockholders of the purchase of all of the outstanding common shares and options of Daré Bioscience (which has been renamed Daré Bioscience Operations, Inc. to avoid confusion with the renamed Cerulean) (ii) approval by Cerulean stockholders of the sale of all rights related to the Dynamic Tumor Targeting™ Platform to Novartis for \$6 million in cash, and (iii) approval by Cerulean stockholders and authorization by the Cerulean board of directors of a 10 to 1 reverse stock split. As a result of these transactions, the stockholders of pre-closing Daré have become owners of approximately 51% of the issued and outstanding shares of the combined company, while the stockholders of pre-closing Cerulean will continue to own approximately 49% of the issued and outstanding shares of the combined company, which represents the maximum ownership possible for the pre-closing Cerulean stockholders under the stock purchase agreement entered into between the companies on March 19, 2017.

Following the closing of the transaction, Sabrina Martucci Johnson, President and CEO of Daré, became the President and CEO of Cerulean and joined its board of directors and Lisa Walters-Hoffert, CFO of Daré, became Cerulean’s CFO. The operations of Daré and Cerulean are being combined, with the combined company operating under the name “Daré Bioscience, Inc.” and led solely by Daré’s management team.

“Daré’s transition to the public market represents a significant milestone for us,” stated Sabrina Martucci Johnson, President and CEO of Daré. “We are grateful for the support of the Cerulean stockholders. Daré is committed to building a strong company in women’s reproductive health, beginning with our first clinical candidate, Ovaprene®. We believe Daré represents an attractive business with considerable product candidate opportunities and market potential.”

**Conference Call and Webcast**

Daré will hold a conference call on Monday, July 24, 2017, at 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time / 1:30 p.m. Pacific Time to provide an overview and business update. Interested parties may access the conference call by dialing (844) 831-3031 from the U.S. and (443) 637-1284 from outside the U.S. and should request the Daré Call, conference ID 58451998. . The conference call also will be webcast live over the Internet and can be accessed at <http://edge.media-server.com/m/p/mmj5wibt>.

## About Daré Bioscience, Inc. (formerly Cerulean Pharma Inc.)

Daré is a healthcare company committed to the development and commercialization of innovative products in women's reproductive health. We have identified areas within this market segment that remain underserved and believe they offer opportunities to generate value for both investors and women.

**The problem isn't early innovation.** The global donor community of foundations and governments has invested tens of millions of dollars in early-stage and clinical-stage research to expand options, improve outcomes and advance global women's reproductive health. In addition, independent private innovators have developed new approaches to address unmet needs. Yet, promising candidates often fail to advance for reasons unrelated to results, but rather because of shifting strategic priorities or a lack of dedicated funding.

**The problem isn't commercialization.** Large and medium-size pharmaceutical companies with established sales and marketing franchises in women's health exist. However, many of these companies prefer to get involved in later stages of development, e.g., in pivotal trials or following an application for regulatory approval.

**The problem is the gap.** We believe that this gap between innovation and commercialization in women's reproductive health creates an opportunity for Daré. Our business model is to license the rights to promising product candidates (many with clinical proof-of-concept data), advance their clinical development, and if successful, implement a comprehensive global commercialization strategy in combination with established pharmaceutical partners and regional distributors. We believe this approach is efficient in both its use of time and financial resources.

The contraceptive market in particular represents an interesting segment for Daré. Since the approval of the birth control pill by the FDA in 1960, most contraception innovation has focused on the use of hormones. Little innovation has occurred to create new non-hormonal options, leaving a void in the method mix and creating a potential opportunity. Today's non-hormonal alternatives include condoms, diaphragms, and spermicides, all of which require intervention at the time of intercourse and most of which have marginal efficacy. There is a need for something better.

### First product candidate, Ovaprene®

Ovaprene® is a clinical stage, non-hormonal contraceptive ring intended to provide protection over multiple weeks of use, require no intervention at the time of intercourse, and fill a void in today's contraception method mix.

- Research has shown that as many as 40% of women using contraception say they are not satisfied with their current method, reporting difficulty of use, problems with side effects, and concerns about effectiveness and reduced sexual pleasure.
- A convenient, easy-to-use and effective non-hormonal option could appeal to a portion of the 22% of women currently using one of today's non-hormonal methods.
- Ovaprene® would represent a new category of birth control and expand options.

A contraceptive ring, whose use is initiated and controlled by a woman, has numerous attributes that women find appealing. Published surveys revealed the following:

- A vaginal ring has most of the features they deemed extremely important,
- 85% of women surveyed reported they would prefer a monthly option with a lower hormone dose than the pill, and
- 80% currently use a non-coital dependent method, meaning there is no intervention at the time of intercourse.

The only contraceptive ring on the market today is NuvaRing®, a hormonal contraceptive ring with 2016 sales of \$777 million. Our goal for Ovaprene® is to provide similar monthly convenience and protection but without the use of hormones.

Ovaprene® has a custom intravaginal ring design, with a permeable mesh in the center of the ring that creates a partial barrier to sperm, and a mechanism to release locally acting spermistatic agents through the ring. The unique combination of these two complementary approaches seeks to produce attractive contraceptive efficacy outcomes that are consistent with the most effective barrier option, the diaphragm, and short-acting hormonal options (oral pill, patches and vaginal ring) that provide 88-91% effectiveness in typical use. Typical use refers to effectiveness experienced among all couples who use the method, including inconsistent and incorrect use.

In a pilot postcoital test (“PCT”) clinical trial conducted in 21 women and published in the Journal of Reproductive Medicine in 2009, Ovaprene® demonstrated the following:

- Ability to immobilize sperm and prevent their progression into the cervical mucus,
- Acceptability of the device to both partners, and
- No serious adverse events were reported.

While the original pilot PCT clinical trial was not designed to be utilized as part of a regulatory submission, its data provide preliminary proof-of-concept contraceptive efficacy. PCT clinical trials have been used to assess the preliminary efficacy of other contraception methods that work by preventing or blocking the progression of sperm into the cervical mucus.

Our stockholders can expect the following benefits from the combination of Daré (formerly Cerulean) and Daré Operations:

- Daré intends to commence a PCT clinical trial of Ovaprene® with CONRAD, a non-profit organization that oversaw the successful development and FDA approval of the Caya® diaphragm, the most recently approved barrier contraceptive device in combination with a locally-acting spermistatic agent.
- Based on our current projections and the cash from the transaction, we believe Daré will be adequately funded to advance Ovaprene® through the completion of the PCT clinical trial within the next two years. A successful PCT clinical trial outcome would represent a meaningful milestone and should allow Daré to proceed directly to a pivotal contraceptive efficacy trial in the United States.
- Daré is currently in discussions regarding other product candidates that meet our selection criteria. We are also exploring co-development opportunities with non-profit partners and foundations as a way to leverage their tremendous investment capacity and breadth of product candidates.

In addition to contraception, women’s reproductive health encompasses a broad spectrum of categories, including vaginal health, fertility and pain, among others. Daré is committed to identifying, licensing and developing candidates that expand options, improve outcomes, and enhance safety for women across the broad spectrum. We look forward to advancing the Ovaprene® development program while evaluating other clinical stage opportunities that meet our objectives.

## Forward Looking Statements

This press release contains “forward-looking statements” regarding matters that are not historical facts, including statements relating to Daré’s expectations regarding the timing and availability of results from its clinical trials, the timing of commencement of manufacturing its products, the safety and effectiveness of its products and the continued ability of Daré to develop and market Ovaprene® under its license with ADVA-Tec. Because such statements are subject to risks and uncertainties, actual results may differ materially from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Words such as “anticipate,” “believe,” “continue,” “could,” “estimate,” “expect,” “hypothesize,” “intend,” “may,” “plan,” “potential,” “predict,” “project,” “should,” “target,” “would,” and similar expressions, constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Actual results may differ materially from those indicated by such forward-looking statements as a result of various important factors, including: whether cash resources will be sufficient to fund the operations of Daré it will undertake; the uncertainties inherent in the initiation and completion of clinical trials; availability and timing of data from ongoing and future clinical trials and the results of such trials; whether preliminary results from a clinical trial will be predictive of the final results of that trial or whether results of early clinical trials will be indicative of the results of later clinical trials; whether the company will maintain its NASDAQ listing, expectations for regulatory approvals; claims of infringement and other risks relating to Daré’s owned and licensed intellectual property rights; and other factors discussed in the “Risk Factors” section of Daré’s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed with the SEC on May 12, 2017, and in other filings that Daré made with the SEC, including the definitive proxy statement relating to the transaction with Daré Operations filed with the SEC on June 19, 2017. In addition, any forward-looking statements included in this press release represent our views only as of the date of this release and should not be relied upon as representing our views as of any subsequent date. Daré and Daré Operations specifically disclaim any obligation to update any forward-looking statements included in this press release.

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