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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): January 5, 2016**

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**GALECTIN THERAPEUTICS INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Nevada**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**001-31791**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**04-3562325**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**4960 PEACHTREE INDUSTRIAL BOULEVARD, Ste 240  
NORCROSS, GA 30071**  
(Address of principal executive office) (zip code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (678) 620-3186**

**N/A**  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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**SECTION 7 – REGULATION FD**

**Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On January 5, 2016, Galectin Therapeutics Inc. (the “Company”) issued the press release attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

The information in this report is being furnished pursuant to this Item 7.01 and shall not be deemed “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Exchange Act”) or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, and it shall not be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or under the Exchange Act, whether made before or after the date hereof, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing to this report.

**SECTION 9 – FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS**

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press release

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Galectin Therapeutics Inc. has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Galectin Therapeutics Inc.

Date: January 5, 2016

By: /s/ Jack W. Callicutt  
Jack W. Callicutt  
Chief Financial Officer



**Galectin Therapeutics Announces Dismissals of Federal Securities Class  
Action and Shareholder Derivative Actions**

***United States District Court Dismisses both Actions with Prejudice***

**NORCROSS, Ga. (January 5, 2016)** – Galectin Therapeutics, Inc. (Nasdaq: GALT), the leading developer of therapeutics that target galectin proteins to treat fibrosis and cancer, announced that the United States District Court for Northern Georgia has dismissed all claims against it and certain officers, directors and shareholder 10X Fund L.P. alleged in a Consolidated Securities Class Action originally filed in July 2014 and all claims against certain officers and directors alleged in a Consolidated Shareholder Derivative Action originally filed in August 2014.

The Securities Class Action alleged that Galectin and the other named defendants violated certain federal securities laws during the purported class period of October 25, 2013 through July 28, 2014. In a detailed 23-page ruling, the Court concluded, among other things, that the allegations in the Amended Complaint “failed to state a claim for relief” and that “Defendants did not engage in impermissible actions to manipulate the price of its shares.”

The Shareholder Derivative Action was brought nominally on behalf of Galectin to recover damages based on allegations similar to those raised in the Securities Class Action. The Court dismissed the derivative suit for lack of standing and failure to state a claim upon which relief may be granted.

The Court entered final judgments of dismissals in both actions, that is, dismissals “with prejudice”, based on the Court’s finding that any further amendment of the complaints would be futile. Plaintiffs have the right to appeal the Court’s dismissals within 30 days. Based on the Federal Court’s rulings, Galectin intends to seek dismissal of a duplicative shareholder derivative action in Nevada that was filed after the federal actions.

The Company and the other named defendants are represented by King & Spalding LLP in these shareholder actions.

“We are very pleased with the Court’s dismissal of both actions,” said Peter G. Traber, M.D., president, chief executive officer and chief medical officer of Galectin Therapeutics. “We are gratified that these matters are now behind us as we continue to focus our efforts on our clinical programs in significant unmet medical needs, including non-alcoholic steatohepatitis (NASH) with advanced fibrosis and cirrhosis.”

**About Galectin Therapeutics**

Galectin Therapeutics is developing promising carbohydrate-based therapies for the treatment of fibrotic liver disease and cancer based on the Company’s unique understanding of galectin proteins, which are key mediators of biologic function. Galectin seeks to leverage extensive

scientific and development expertise as well as established relationships with external sources to achieve cost-effective and efficient development. The Company is pursuing a development pathway to clinical enhancement and commercialization for its lead compounds in liver fibrosis and cancer. Additional information is available at [www.galectintherapeutics.com](http://www.galectintherapeutics.com).

### **Forward Looking Statements**

This press release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements relate to future events or future financial performance, and use words such as “may,” “estimate,” “could,” “expect” and others. They are based on management’s current expectations and are subject to factors and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those described in the statements. These statements include those regarding the hope that its lead compounds will be successful in treating liver cirrhosis and fibrosis due to fatty liver disease and in connection with cancer immunotherapy. Regardless of the results of any of its development programs, Galectin may be unsuccessful in developing partnerships with other companies or raising additional capital that would allow it to further develop and/or fund any studies or trials. For a discussion of additional factors impacting Galectin’s business, see the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014, and subsequent filings with the SEC. You should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements. Although subsequent events may cause its views to change, management disclaims any obligation to update forward-looking statements.

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