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 1934

Date of Report: July 31, 1996

TITAN PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

DELAWARE

(State of other jurisdiction of incorporation)

27436

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

94-3171940

Registrant's telephone no. including area code: (415) 244-4990

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Item 5. OTHER EVENTS

Titan Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (Nasdaq NM: TTNP, TTNPU AND TTNPW), announced on August 2, 1996 that it completed the sale of units composed of an aggregate of 1,536,000 shares of its Common Stock, par value \$.001 per share (the "Shares"), and 1,536,000 redeemable Class A Warrants of Titan (the "Warrants") in a private placement to accredited investors for aggregate net proceeds of approximately \$14,000,000, after deducting placement agent fees and expenses and other costs related to the offering. Titan anticipates using the net proceeds of the offering to fund research and development activities and for working capital.

Titan has agreed to use its best efforts to effect the registration of such securities under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, by December 1, 1996.

Item 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND EXHIBITS

(c) EXHIBITS

Exhibit 20 - News Release of the Registrant dated August 2,

1996.

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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.

TITAN PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

By: /S/ LOUIS R. BUCALO Louis R. Bucalo, M.D. President and Chief Executive Officer

Dated: August 2, 1996

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EXHIBIT INDEX

News Release of the Registrant dated August 2, 1996.

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TITAN PHARMACEUTICALS COMPLETES \$16,000,000 PRIVATE PLACEMENT

South San Francisco, CA, August 2, 1996 -- Titan Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (Nasdaq NM: TTNP, TTNPU AND TTNPW), announced today that it completed the sale of units composed of an aggregate of 1,536,000 shares of its Common Stock, par value \$.001 per share (the "Shares"), and 1,536,000 redeemable Class A Warrants of Titan (the "Warrants") in a private placement to accredited investors for aggregate net proceeds of approximately \$14,000,000, after deducting placement agent fees and expenses and other costs related to the offering. Titan anticipates using the net proceeds of the offering to fund research and development activities and for working capital.

Titan has agreed to use its best efforts to effect the registration of such securities under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, by December 1, 1996.

The securities sold in this private placement have not been registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration or an applicable exemption from registration requirements.

Titan Pharmaceuticals is a biopharmaceutical company developing proprietary therapeutics for the treatment of cancer, nervous system disorders and other serious and life-threatening diseases. The Company's operations are currently conducted through five operating companies: Ansan (Nasdaq: ANSN, ANSNU), Ingenex, Theracell, ProNeura and Ascalon.

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