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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the month of March 2013.

Commission File Number: 000-51341

Gentium S.p.A.

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

Piazza XX Settembre 2, 22079 Villa Guardia (Como), Italy

(Address of principal executive office)

The Registrant's press release regarding the announcement of the adoption, by the Committee for Medicinal Products for Human Use ("CHMP"), of a negative opinion, recommending to the European Medicines Agency's ("EMA") the refusal of the marketing authorization for Defibrotide to treat and prevent hepatic veno-occlusive disease ("VOD") in adults and children undergoing hematopoietic stem cell transplantation therapy. Gentium remains convinced of the favourable benefit/risk profile of Defibrotide, and plans to appeal the EMA's decision and request a re-examination of the CHMP opinion.

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This report and the exhibit attached thereto are incorporated by reference into the registration statements of Gentium S.p.A. on Forms F-3: File No. 333-135622, File No. 333-137551, File No. 333-138202, File No. 333-139422, File No. 333-141198, and File No. 333-174575 and on Forms S-8: File No. 333-137534, File No. 333-146534 and File No. 333-181171.

Exhibit Description

Date: March 22, 2013

1 Press release, dated March 22, 2013.

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, thereunto duly authorized.

Gentium S.p.A.

(Registrant)

/s/ SALVATORE CALABRESE

Salvatore Calabrese Chief Financial Officer and Senior VP, Finance