

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
 Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM S-8
 REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER
 THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

AMGEN INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE
 (State or other jurisdiction
 of incorporation or organization)

95-3540776
 (I.R.S. Employer
 Identification No.)

One Amgen Center
 Thousand Oaks, California 91320-1789
 (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

91320-1789
 (Zip Code)

1997 Special Non-Officer Equity Incentive Plan

(Full title of the plan)

GEORGE A. VANDEMAN, ESQ.
 Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary
 Amgen Inc.

1840 DeHavilland Drive
 Thousand Oaks, California 91320-1789
 (Name and address of agent for service)

(805) 447-1000
 (Telephone Number, Including Area Code, of Agent For Service)

Copies to:
 GARY OLSON, ESQ.
 Latham & Watkins
 633 West Fifth Street, Suite 4000
 Los Angeles, California 90071-2007
 (213) 485-1234

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Securities to be Registered	Amount to be Registered	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share (1)	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price (1)	Amount of Registration Fee
Common Stock \$.0001 par value	12,000,000	\$49.063	\$588,756,000	\$173,684

(1) For purposes of computing the registration fee only. Pursuant to Rule 457(h), the Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share is based upon the average of the high and low prices for the Registrant's Common Stock on the Nasdaq National Market on January 15, 1998 (\$49.063).

PART I

Item 1. Plan Information

Not required to be filed with this Registration Statement.

Item 2. Registrant Information and Employee Plan Annual Information

Not required to be filed with this Registration Statement.

PART II

Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference

The registrant, Amgen Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), hereby incorporates the following documents in this Registration Statement by reference:

- A. The Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1996;
- B. The Company's Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31, 1997, June 30, 1997 and September 30, 1997; and
- C. The Company's Current Reports on Form 8-K as filed with the Commission on February 26, 1997, February 28, 1997, March 14, 1997, April 8, 1997, June 13, 1997, December 5, 1997 and December 9, 1997.
- D. Description of the Company's Common Stock, Contractual contingent payment rights and preferred share rights plan contained in the Registration Statements on Form 8-A filed with the SEC on September 7, 1983 and April 1, 1993, and the Form 8-K filed with the SEC on February 28, 1997, respectively.

All documents filed by the Company pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment which indicates that all securities offered have been sold or which deregisters all securities then remaining unsold, are incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement and are a part hereof from the date of filing such documents. Any statement contained in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this Registration Statement to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any other subsequently filed document which also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such statement. Any such statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Registration Statement.

Item 4. Description of Securities

Not applicable.

Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel

Not applicable.

Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers

Section 145 of the Delaware General Corporation Law, the Restated Certificate of Incorporation, as amended, and the Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Company contain provisions covering indemnification of corporate directors and officers against certain liabilities and expenses incurred as a result of proceedings involving such persons in their capacities as directors and officers, including proceedings under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act") and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act").

The Company has authorized the entering into of indemnity contracts and provides indemnity insurance pursuant to which officers and directors are indemnified or insured against liability or loss under certain circumstances which may include liability or related loss under the Securities Act and the Exchange Act.

Item 7. Exemption from Registration Claimed

Not applicable.

Item 8. Exhibits

- 5.1 Opinion of Latham & Watkins as to the legality of the shares being registered.
- 23.1 Consent of Ernst & Young LLP
- 23.2 Consent of Latham & Watkins (included in Exhibit 5.1 hereto).
- 24.1 Powers of Attorney (included on page 5).

Item 9. Undertakings

The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement:

(a) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act;

(b) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of this Registration Statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the Registration Statement;

(c) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the Registration Statement or any material change to such information in the Registration Statement;

provided, however, that paragraphs (1)(a) and (1)(b) shall not apply to information contained in periodic reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the registrant pursuant to Sections 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act that are incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each filing of the Registrant's annual report pursuant to Sections 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act) that is incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Thousand Oaks, State of California, on this 22nd day of January, 1998.

AMGEN INC.

By: /s/ Robert S. Attiyeh

Robert S. Attiyeh
Senior Vice President, Finance and Corporate
Development, and Chief Financial Officer

POWER OF ATTORNEY

We, the undersigned officers and directors of Amgen Inc., and each of us, do hereby constitute and appoint each and any of Gordon M. Binder, Robert S. Attiyeh and George A. Vandeman, our true and lawful attorney and agent, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, to do any and all acts and things in our name and behalf in any and all capacities and to execute any and all instruments for us in our names, in connection with this Registration Statement or any registration statement for the same offering that is to be effective upon filing pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act of 1933, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including specifically, but without limitation, power and authority to sign for us or any of us in our names in the capacities indicated below, any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) hereto; and we hereby ratify and confirm all that said attorney and agent, or his substitute, shall do or cause to be done by virtue thereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement has been signed below by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated:

Signatures -----	Title -----	Date ----
/s/ Gordon M. Binder ----- Gordon M. Binder	Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer)	January 22, 1998
/s/ Kevin W. Sharer ----- Kevin W. Sharer	President, Chief Operating Officer and Director	January 22, 1998
/s/ Robert S. Attiyeh ----- Robert S. Attiyeh	Senior Vice President, Finance and Corporate Development, and Chief Financial Officer	January 22, 1998

/s/ Kathryn E. Falberg ----- Kathryn E. Falberg	Vice President, Corporate Controller and Chief Accounting Officer	January 22, 1998
/s/ William K. Bowes, Jr. ----- William K. Bowes, Jr.	Director	January 22, 1998
/s/ Franklin P. Johnson, Jr. ----- Franklin P. Johnson, Jr.	Director	January 22, 1998
/s/ Steven Lazarus ----- Steven Lazarus	Director	January 22, 1998
/s/ Edward J. Ledder ----- Edward J. Ledder	Director	January 22, 1998
/s/ Gilbert S. Omenn ----- Gilbert S. Omenn	Director	January 22, 1998
/s/ Judith C. Pelham ----- Judith C. Pelham	Director	January 22, 1998

EXHIBIT INDEX

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* Filed herewith.

[Letterhead of Latham & Watkins]

January 22, 1998

Amgen Inc.
One Amgen Center Drive
Thousand Oaks, California 91320-1789

Re: Amgen Inc.
Common Stock, par value \$.0001 per share
Registration on Form S-8

Ladies and Gentlemen:

At your request, we have examined the Registration Statement on Form S-8 (the "Registration Statement"), which you intend to file with the Securities and Exchange Commission in connection with the registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, of an aggregate of 12,000,000 shares of Common Stock, par value \$.0001 per share (the "Shares"), to be sold by Amgen Inc. (the "Company") under the 1997 Special Non-Officer Equity Participation Plan (the "Plan"). We are familiar with the proceedings undertaken in connection with the authorization and proposed issuance and sale of the Shares. Additionally, we have examined such questions of law and fact as we have considered necessary or appropriate for purposes of this opinion.

Based upon the foregoing, we are of the opinion that the Shares have been duly authorized, and upon the issuance of Shares under the terms of the Plan and delivery and payment therefor of legal consideration in excess of the aggregate par value of the Shares issued, such Shares will be validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable.

We consent to your filing this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Latham & Watkins

CONSENT OF ERNST & YOUNG LLP, INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statement (Form S-8) of Amgen Inc. for the registration of 12,000,000 shares of Common Stock of our report dated January 22, 1997, with respect to the consolidated financial statements of Amgen Inc., included in its Annual Report (Form 10-K) for the year ended December 31, 1996, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Ernst & Young LLP

Los Angeles, California
January 22, 1998