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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, DC 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)  
December 15, 2011**

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**AMGEN INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

**000-12477**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**95-3540776**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**One Amgen Center Drive  
Thousand Oaks, California**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**91320-1799**  
(Zip Code)

**805-447-1000**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

(b) On December 15, 2011, Mr. Kevin W. Sharer, the Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Amgen Inc. (the “Company”), notified the Company of his plans to retire from the Company at the end of 2012. To facilitate an orderly transition, Mr. Sharer will step down as Chief Executive Officer effective May 23, 2012 and will remain as Chairman of the Board and an employee of the Company until the end of 2012, at which time he will retire from the Board and the Company.

(c) Also on December 15, 2011, the independent members of the Board of Directors of the Company announced that Mr. Robert A. Bradway would succeed Mr. Sharer as Chief Executive Officer, effective May 23, 2012. Further, these members of the Company’s Board announced their intention to elect Mr. Bradway Chairman of the Board when Mr. Sharer retires from that position at the end of 2012. The Board will also elect a lead independent director at that time. Mr. Bradway, age 48, currently serves as the Company’s President and Chief Operating Officer and as a member of the Company’s Board of Directors. Mr. Bradway joined the Company in 2006 as Vice President, Operations Strategy and served as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer from April 2007 to May 2010. Prior to joining the Company, Mr. Bradway was a managing director at Morgan Stanley in London where he had responsibility for the firm’s banking department and corporate finance activities in Europe and focused on healthcare. Mr. Bradway currently serves on the Board of Directors of Norfolk Southern Corporation.

A copy of the Company’s press release announcing Mr. Sharer’s retirement as well as Mr. Bradway’s succession is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference. A description of Mr. Bradway’s compensation arrangements with the Company is contained in the Company’s definitive proxy statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 7, 2011 and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release dated December 15, 2011

SIGNATURE

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

AMGEN INC.

Date: December 15, 2011

By: /s/ David J. Scott

Name: David J. Scott

Title: Senior Vice President, General  
Counsel and Secretary

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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**Document Description**

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News Release

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**KEVIN SHARER, AMGEN CHAIRMAN AND CEO, ANNOUNCES PLAN TO RETIRE WITH ROBERT BRADWAY TO BECOME CEO ON MAY 23, 2012; SHARER WILL CONTINUE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD UNTIL END OF 2012**

**Roger Perlmutter to Retire as EVP of Research and Development with Sean Harper to Assume the Role on February 13, 2012**

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. (Dec. 15, 2011) – Kevin W. Sharer, chairman and chief executive officer of Amgen (NASDAQ:AMGN) since 2000, has announced his plan to retire from the Company at the end of 2012, following 20 years of service to Amgen. To facilitate an orderly transition process, Sharer will step down as CEO effective May 23, 2012, and remain as chairman of the Company’s Board of Directors until December 31, 2012, at which time he will retire from the Board and from the Company. Robert Bradway, currently president and chief operating officer, will become CEO on May 23, 2012. It is the intention of the Board of Directors to elect Bradway chairman of the Board when Sharer retires from that position at the end of 2012. The Board will also elect a lead independent director at that time.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, Vance Coffman, chairman of the Board’s governance and nominating committee said, “The Board thanks Kevin Sharer for his service in leading Amgen over the past decade. During that time Amgen grew significantly in every dimension and is well positioned for the future. Amgen’s core mission to serve patients remains our bedrock. The Board is excited to have a talented executive in Bob Bradway as the fourth CEO in our Company’s history.”

“Today Amgen announces its next generation of leaders as we pass the reins to Bob Bradway and Sean Harper,” said Kevin Sharer. “Bob and Sean have demonstrated sound judgment, delivered consistently excellent operating results and provided strong leadership in a variety of challenging roles. Amgen will be in good hands. I would particularly like to thank Roger Perlmutter for his eleven years of service. He has been an outstanding head of research and development, and his accomplishments have benefited millions of patients. In the months ahead, we will focus on making the transition to Bob and Sean seamless.”

Sharer, 63, joined Amgen in 1992 and served as president until 2000 when he was named chairman and CEO. Under his tenure Amgen grew from \$3.6B in revenue with a presence in 17 countries to a company today with revenues approaching \$16B and operations in 55 countries.

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Bob Bradway, 48, joined Amgen in 2006 as a vice president in operations. He was appointed CFO in 2007, and was named president and chief operating officer in 2010. Prior to joining Amgen, Bradway worked for 19 years with Morgan Stanley. Bradway holds a BA in Biology from Amherst College and an MBA from Harvard University.

Roger Perlmutter, 59, will retire as executive vice president of research and development effective February 12, 2012. Dr. Perlmutter will then work with Amgen as a consultant to aid in the transition until February, 2013. Dr. Perlmutter joined Amgen in 2000, and during his tenure Amgen has gained the approval for many new drugs, including Aranesp®, Neulasta®, Vectibix®, Nplate®, Sensipar® and Amgen's newest drugs, Prolia® and Xgeva®.

Sean Harper, 49, will assume his new role on February 13, 2012, reporting to Bob Bradway. Dr. Harper will be responsible for Amgen's global research and development functions. Dr. Harper joined Amgen in 2002, and has held leadership roles in early development, medical sciences and global regulatory and safety. His current role is senior vice president, global development and he serves as chief medical officer for Amgen. Prior to joining Amgen, Dr. Harper worked for 6 years at Merck Research Laboratories. He attended medical school at UCSF, was board certified in internal medicine and gastroenterology after training at the Massachusetts General Hospital and was a postdoctoral fellow at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

**About Amgen**

Amgen discovers, develops, manufactures and delivers innovative human therapeutics. A biotechnology pioneer since 1980, Amgen was one of the first companies to realize the new science's promise by bringing safe, effective medicines from lab to manufacturing plant to patient. Amgen therapeutics have changed the practice of medicine, helping millions of people around the world in the fight against cancer, kidney disease, rheumatoid arthritis, bone disease and other serious illnesses. With a deep and broad pipeline of potential new medicines, Amgen remains committed to advancing science to dramatically improve people's lives. To learn more about our pioneering science and vital medicines, visit [www.amgen.com](http://www.amgen.com). Follow us on [www.twitter.com/amgen](http://www.twitter.com/amgen).

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