

DYNAVAX TECHNOLOGIES CORP

Form 8-K

August 31, 2006

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UNITED STATES 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 of 1934
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): August 31, 2006
Dynavax Technologies Corporation
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

000-50557

33-0728374

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

(Commission
File Number)

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

2929 Seventh Street, Suite 100
Berkeley, CA 94710-2753

(Address of principal executive offices and Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(510) 848-5100**

Not applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
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Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On August 31, 2006, Dynavax Technologies Corporation (we or us) entered into what is sometimes termed an equity line of credit arrangement with Azimuth Opportunity Ltd., or Azimuth. A copy of the press release issued by Dynavax and Azimuth on August 31, 2006 concerning the transaction is filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference. We entered into a Common Stock Purchase Agreement with Azimuth (the Purchase Agreement) that provides that, upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth therein, Azimuth is committed to purchase up to the lesser of \$30,000,000 of our common stock, or the number of shares which is one less than 20% of the issued and outstanding shares of our common stock as of the effective date of the Purchase Agreement over the 18-month term of the Purchase Agreement. From time to time over the term of the Purchase Agreement, and at our sole discretion, we may present Azimuth with draw down notices to purchase our common stock over ten consecutive trading days or such other period mutually agreed upon by us and Azimuth, with each draw down subject to limitations based on the price of our common stock and a limit of 2.5% of our market capitalization at the time of such draw down. We are able to present Azimuth with up to 24 draw down notices during the term of the Purchase Agreement, with a minimum of three trading days required between each draw down period. Only one draw down is allowed in each draw down pricing period, unless otherwise mutually agreed upon by us and Azimuth.

Once presented with a draw down notice, Azimuth is required to purchase a pro rata portion of the shares on each trading day during the trading period on which the daily volume weighted average price for our common stock exceeds a threshold price determined by us for such draw down. The per share purchase price for these shares equals the daily volume weighted average price of our common stock on each date during the draw down period on which shares are purchased, less a discount ranging from 5.2% to 7.0%, based on our trading volume. If the daily volume weighted average price of our common stock falls below the threshold price on any trading day during a draw down period, the Purchase Agreement provides that Azimuth will not be required to purchase the pro-rata portion of shares of common stock allocated to that day. However, at its election, Azimuth could buy the pro-rata portion of shares allocated to that day at the threshold price less the discount described above.

The Purchase Agreement also provides that from time to time and at our sole discretion we may grant Azimuth the right to exercise one or more options to purchase additional shares of our common stock during each draw down pricing period for an amount of shares specified by us based on the trading price of our common stock. Upon Azimuth s exercise of an option, we would sell to Azimuth the shares of our common stock subject to the option at a price equal to the greater of the daily volume weighted average price of our common stock on the day Azimuth notifies us of its election to exercise its option or the threshold price for the option determined by us, less a discount calculated in the same manner as it is calculated in the draw down notices.

In addition to our issuance of shares of common stock to Azimuth pursuant to the Purchase Agreement, our Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-127930), or the Registration Statement, also covers the sale of those shares from time to time by Azimuth to the public. Azimuth is an underwriter within the meaning of Section 2(a)(11) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act).

Azimuth has informed us that, unless it notifies us that it will use a different broker-dealer and we have filed a prospectus supplement to our Registration Statement, it will use an unaffiliated broker-dealer to effectuate all sales, if any, of common stock that it may purchase from us pursuant to the Purchase Agreement. Such sales will be made on the Nasdaq Global Market at prices and at terms then prevailing or at prices related to the then current market price. Each such unaffiliated broker-dealer will be an underwriter within the meaning of Section 2(a)(11) of the Securities Act. Azimuth has informed us that each such broker-dealer will receive commissions from Azimuth which will not exceed customary brokerage commissions. Azimuth also will pay other expenses associated with the sale of the common stock it acquires pursuant to the Purchase Agreement.

In connection with this transaction, a filing will be made with the Corporate Financing Department of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. (the NASD) under Rule 2710 of the NASD s Conduct Rules. Among other customary conditions to the parties obligations under the Purchase Agreement, Dynavax is not permitted to deliver any draw down notice to Azimuth, and Azimuth is not obligated to purchase any shares of our common stock under the Purchase Agreement, unless and until we have received written confirmation from the NASD to the effect that the NASD s Corporate Financing Department has determined not to raise any objection with respect to the fairness and

reasonableness of the terms of the Purchase Agreement or the transactions contemplated thereby. If the NASD raises an objection to the terms of the Purchase Agreement or has otherwise failed to confirm in writing that it has no objection, and such objection shall not have been resolved or such confirmation of no objection shall not have been obtained prior to October 30, 2006 either we or Azimuth may terminate the Purchase Agreement, provided that the terminating party has used its commercially reasonable efforts to resolve the objection and obtain such written confirmation in accordance with the terms of the Purchase Agreement and the terminating party's breach of the Purchase Agreement was not a principal cause of the NASD's objection or failure to obtain such confirmation from the NASD.

The shares of common stock may be sold in one or more of the following manners:

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ordinary brokerage transactions and transactions in which the broker solicits purchasers; or

a block trade in which the broker or dealer so engaged will attempt to sell the shares as agent, but may position and resell a portion of the block as principal to facilitate the transaction.

Azimuth has agreed that during the term of and for a period of ninety (90) days after the termination of the Purchase Agreement, neither Azimuth nor any of its affiliates will, directly or indirectly, sell any of our securities except the shares that it owns or has the right to purchase pursuant to the provisions of a draw down notice. Azimuth has agreed that during the periods listed above it will not enter into a short position with respect to shares of our common stock except that Azimuth may sell shares that it is obligated to purchase under a pending draw down notice but has not yet taken possession of so long as Azimuth covers any such sales with the shares purchased pursuant to such draw down notice. Azimuth has further agreed that during the periods listed above it will not grant any option to purchase or acquire any right to dispose or otherwise dispose for value of any shares of our common stock or any securities convertible into, or exchangeable for, or warrants to purchase, any shares of our common stock, or enter into any swap, hedge or other agreement that transfers, in whole or in part, the economic risk of ownership of our common stock, except for the sales permitted by the prior two sentences.

In addition, Azimuth and any unaffiliated broker-dealer will be subject to liability under the federal securities laws and must comply with the requirements of the Securities Act and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act, including without limitation, Rule 10b-5 and Regulation M under the Exchange Act. These rules and regulations may limit the timing of purchases and sales of shares of common stock by Azimuth or any unaffiliated broker-dealer. Under these rules and regulations, Azimuth and any unaffiliated broker-dealer:

may not engage in any stabilization activity in connection with our securities;

must furnish each broker which offers shares of our common stock covered by the prospectus that is a part of our Registration Statement with the number of copies of such prospectus and any prospectus supplement which are required by each broker; and

may not bid for or purchase any of our securities or attempt to induce any person to purchase any of our securities other than as permitted under the Exchange Act.

These restrictions may affect the marketability of the shares of common stock by Azimuth and any unaffiliated broker-dealer.

We have agreed to indemnify and hold harmless Azimuth, any unaffiliated broker-dealer and each person who controls Azimuth or any unaffiliated broker-dealer against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act. We have agreed to pay up to \$35,000 of Azimuth's reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses (exclusive of disbursements and out-of-pocket expenses) incurred by Azimuth in connection with the preparation, negotiation, execution and delivery of the Purchase Agreement and related transaction documentation. We have also agreed to pay all reasonable fees and expenses incurred by Azimuth in connection with any amendments, modifications or waivers of the Purchase Agreement, ongoing due diligence of our company and other transaction expenses associated with fixed requests made by us from time to time during the term of the agreement. Further, we have agreed that if we issue a draw down notice and fail to deliver the shares to Azimuth on the applicable settlement date, and such failure continues for ten trading days, we will pay Azimuth liquidated damages in cash or restricted shares of our common stock, at the option of Azimuth.

Azimuth has agreed to indemnify and hold harmless us and each of our directors, officers and persons who control us against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act, which may be based upon written information furnished by Azimuth to us for inclusion in a prospectus or prospectus supplement related to this transaction.

Upon each sale of our common stock to Azimuth under the Purchase Agreement, we have also agreed to pay Trout Capital LLC, member NASD/SIPC, a placement fee equal to 1% of the aggregate dollar amount of common stock purchased by Azimuth. We have agreed to indemnify and hold harmless Trout Capital against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act.

The foregoing descriptions are qualified in their entirety by reference to the Purchase Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2 and incorporated by reference herein.

This report includes forward-looking statements within the meaning of the safe harbor provisions of the United States Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Words such as expect, estimate, project, budget, forecast, anticipate, intend, plan, may, will, could, should, believes, predicts, potential, continue, and similar are intended to identify such forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements in this report include, without limitation, statements about Dynavax's finances, operations and development potential, and commercialization of Dynavax's products and other matters that involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause actual results, levels of activity,

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performance or achievements to differ materially from results expressed or implied by this report. Such risk factors include, among others: whether Dynavax can successfully develop new products and the degree to which these gain market acceptance. Actual results may differ materially from those contained in the forward-looking statements in this report. Additional information concerning these and other risk factors is contained in Dynavax's quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2006. Dynavax undertakes no obligation and does not intend to update these forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances occurring after this report. You are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of this report. All forward-looking statements are qualified in their entirety by this cautionary statement.

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(d) Exhibits.

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| 99.2 | Common Stock Purchase Agreement between the Company and Azimuth Opportunity Ltd. dated August 31, 2006. |

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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.

Date: August 31, 2006

Dynavax Technologies Corporation

By: /s/ Dino Dina, M.D.

Dino Dina, M.D.

President and Chief Executive Officer

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