

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 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): **March 13, 2023**

**Safeguard Scientifics, Inc.**

(Exact Name of registrant as Specified in Charter)

**Pennsylvania**  
(State or other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation)

**1-5620**  
(Commission File Number)

**23-1609753**  
(IRS Employer ID No.)

**150 N. Radnor Chester Rd., STE F-200**  
**Radnor, PA**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**19087**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **610-293-0600**

**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 (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)  
 Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)  
 Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))  
 Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock (\$.10 par value)	SFE	The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

**ITEM 8.01. Other Events.**

On March 13, 2023, Safeguard Scientifics, Inc. (“Safeguard”) issued a press release addressing the closing of Silicon Valley Bank by the California Department of Financial Protection and Innovation and the appointment of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation as receiver. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by this reference.

**ITEM 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 [Press Release of Safeguard Scientifics, Inc. dated March 13, 2023](#)

104 Cover Page Interactive Data File (formatted as Inline XBRL).

## 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 hereunto duly authorized.

### **Safeguard Scientifics, Inc.**

Date: March 13, 2023

/s/ G. Matthew Barnard

Name: G. Matthew Barnard

Title: General Counsel

**SAFEGUARD PROVIDES SUMMARY IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOLLOWING  
FDIC'S ACTIONS RELATING TO SILICON VALLEY BANK'S RECEIVERSHIP**

**Radnor, PA, March 13, 2023** — Safeguard Scientifics, Inc. (NASDAQ: SFE) (“Safeguard” or the “Company”) is providing the following summary assessment of the initial impact of Silicon Valley Bank’s closing on Friday March 10, 2023 by the California Department of Financial Protection and Innovation, which appointed the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (“FDIC”) as receiver, and the subsequent announcement on March 12, 2023, whereby the FDIC will complete its resolution of Silicon Valley Bank, Santa Clara, California, in a manner that fully protects all depositors

Safeguard does not have a banking relationship with Silicon Valley Bank.

Seven of Safeguard’s ownership interests have banking relationships with Silicon Valley Bank. Those relationships include depository accounts, outstanding loans, and undrawn lines of credit. In addition, one of Safeguard’s Other ownership interests, of which Safeguard has an ownership interest of approximately 2%, also has significant depository amounts at Silicon Valley Bank.

Following the announcement on March 12, 2023, whereby the FDIC will complete its resolution of the receivership of Silicon Valley Bank, Santa Clara, California, in a manner that fully protects all depositors, we believe that these seven companies will have access to their funds in a manner that will not interfere with their ordinary course operations. If there are any delays with respect to accessing these funds, Safeguard will work with the management teams and other stakeholders to find solutions to any near-term issues. In addition, two companies had an aggregate of \$9 million of undrawn loan commitments from Silicon Valley Bank. We are working with those management teams to develop alternative and/or additional long-term financing solutions.

**About Safeguard Scientifics**

Historically, Safeguard Scientifics has provided capital and relevant expertise to fuel the growth of technology-driven businesses. Safeguard has a distinguished track record of fostering innovation and building market leaders that spans more than six decades. Safeguard is currently pursuing a focused strategy to value-maximize and monetize its ownership interests over a multi-year time frame to drive shareholder value. For more information, please visit [www.safeguard.com](http://www.safeguard.com).

**Forward-Looking Statements**

*Except for the historical information and discussions contained herein, statements contained in this release may constitute “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of the federal securities laws. Our forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties. Forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements regarding Safeguard’s ability to maximize the value of monetization opportunities of its ownership interests and drive total shareholder returns, Safeguard’s initiatives, including, without limitation, taken or contemplated to enhance and unlock value for all of its shareholders, Safeguard’s efforts to execute on and implement its strategy to streamline its organizational structure, reduce its operating costs, pursue monetization opportunities for ownership interests and maximize the return of value to its shareholders, Safeguard’s ability to create, unlock, enhance and maximize shareholder value, the effect of Safeguard’s management succession plan on driving increased organizational effectiveness and efficiencies, the ability of the management team to execute Safeguard’s strategy, the availability of, the timing of, and the proceeds that may ultimately be derived from the monetization of ownership interests, Safeguard’s projections regarding the reduction in its ongoing operating expenses, Safeguard’s projections regarding annualized operating expenses and expected severance expenses, monetization opportunities for ownership interests, and the amount of net proceeds from the monetization of ownership interests that will enable the return of value to Safeguard shareholders after satisfying working capital needs and the timing of such return of value. Such forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future operational or financial performance and are based on current expectations that involve a number of uncertainties, risks and assumptions that are difficult to predict. Therefore, actual outcomes and/or results may differ materially from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. The risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially include, among others, our ability to make good decisions about the monetization of our ownership interests for maximum value or at all and the return of value to our shareholders, our ability to successfully execute on our strategy to streamline our organizational structure and align our cost structure to increase shareholder value, whether our strategy will better position us to focus our resources on the highest-return opportunities and deliver enhanced shareholder value, the ongoing support of our existing ownership interests, the fact that our companies may vary from period to period, challenges to achieving liquidity from our ownership interests, fluctuations in the market prices of our publicly traded holdings, if any, competition, our inability to obtain maximum value for our ownership interests, our ability to attract and retain qualified employees, market valuations in sectors in which our ownership interests operate, our inability to control our ownership interests, our need to manage our assets to avoid registration under the Investment Company Act of 1940, risks, disruption, costs and uncertainty caused by or related to the actions of activist shareholders, including that if individuals are elected to our Board with a specific agenda, it may adversely affect our ability to effectively implement our business strategy and create value for our shareholders and perceived uncertainties as to our future direction as a result of potential changes to the composition of our Board may lead to the perception of a change in the direction of our business, instability or a lack of continuity that may adversely affect our business, and risks associated with our ownership interests, including the fact that most of our ownership interests have a limited operating history and a history of operating losses, face intense competition and may never be profitable, the effect of economic conditions in the business sectors in which our companies operate, and other uncertainties described in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Many of these factors are beyond our ability to predict or control. As a result of these and other factors, the Company’s past operational and financial performance should not be relied on as an indication of future performance. Further information on the above risk factors and other potential factors that could affect our future business, operating results and financial condition is included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2022 and other periodic filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including risks under the heading “Risk Factors.” The Company does not assume any obligation to update any forward-looking statements or other information contained in this press release.*

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