

MEDICIS PHARMACEUTICAL CORP

Form 8-K

July 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  
July 25, 2006  
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)  
Medicis Pharmaceutical Corporation  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**Delaware**  
(State of Incorporation)

**001-14471**  
(Commission File Number)

**52-1574808**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification Number)

**8125 North Hayden Road  
Scottsdale, Arizona 85258-2463**  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)  
**(602) 808-8800**  
(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 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
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Medicis Pharmaceutical Corporation (the Company) has entered into an employment agreement ( Employment Agreement ) with each of the executive officers listed in the table below (the Executive ). Under the terms of the Employment Agreement, the Executive will receive annual base compensation and be eligible to receive annual cash bonuses based on a target bonus of not less than the percentage of the Executive's base compensation, as listed in the table below. Cash bonuses will be awarded based on the Company's achievement of certain operating, financial or other corporate goals established by the Company's Board of Directors or its Compensation Committee. The Executive is also entitled to participate in the Company's employee plans and benefits on the same basis as other executive-level employees of the Company.

Executive	Title	Base Compensation	Target Bonus %
Mark A. Prygocki, Sr.	Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer	\$496,000	75%
Mitchell S. Wortzman, Ph.D.	Executive Vice President and Chief Scientific Officer	\$380,800	75%
Richard J. Havens	Executive Vice President, Sales and Marketing	\$448,000	75%
Jason D. Hanson	Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary	\$430,000	50%

The base compensation and target bonus amounts set forth in the above table reflect the current compensation amounts payable to such executives as disclosed in the Company's proxy statement for its 2006 annual meeting of stockholders, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 13, 2006. Such executive officers' base compensation and target bonus amounts were not modified in connection with the execution of the employment agreements.

In the event of a termination of the Executive's employment by the Company due to death or disability, the Company shall pay such Executive, as a single severance payment, one year's base compensation. In the event of termination of the Executive's employment Without Cause or by the Executive For Good Reason (as such terms are defined in the Employment Agreement), the Company shall pay such Executive, as a single severance payment, the sum of (i) two times the highest rate of such Executive's annual base compensation in effect during the three years preceding the effective date of termination, (ii) two times the highest annual bonus received by such Executive for a twelve month fiscal or twelve month bonus year in the three years preceding the effective date of termination, and (iii) a prorated bonus for the year in which the termination occurs based on the annual bonus most recently paid to the Executive. In addition to these severance amounts, all unvested stock options and restricted stock held by the Executive will immediately vest as of the date of termination. Executives eligible to receive these severance benefits will also receive, in a lump sum payment, an amount equal to two years of applicable COBRA premiums. In the case of Mr. Hanson, he would be entitled to receive three times his annual base salary and annual bonus (as more fully described above) and a payment equal to three years of applicable COBRA premiums if a specified event occurs within the first two years of his employment.

The foregoing description of the Employment Agreements is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Employment Agreements for each of the Executives, attached as Exhibits 10.1, 10.2, 10.3 and 10.4 and incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

10.1 Employment Agreement, dated July 25, 2006, between the Company and Mark A. Prygocki, Sr.

10.2 Employment Agreement, dated July 25, 2006, between the Company and Mitchell S. Wortzman, Ph.D.

10.3 Employment Agreement, dated July 25, 2006, between the Company and Richard J. Havens

10.4 Employment Agreement, dated July 27, 2006, between the Company and Jason D. Hanson

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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.

MEDICIS PHARMACEUTICAL  
CORPORATION

Date: July 31, 2006

By: /s/ Mark A. Prygocki

Mark A. Prygocki, Sr.  
Executive Vice President, Chief  
Financial Officer  
and Treasurer

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