

MEDICIS PHARMACEUTICAL CORP

Form 8-K

January 18, 2008

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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
January 18, 2008**

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)

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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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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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Medicis Pharmaceutical Corporation (Medicis) today announced that IMPAX Laboratories, Inc. (IMPAX) has filed a lawsuit against Medicis in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California seeking a declaratory judgment that Medicis U.S. Patent No. 5,908,838 related to SOLODYN(R) is invalid and is not infringed by IMPAX s October 2007 filing of an Abbreviated New Drug Application (ANDA) for a generic version of SOLODYN(R). Medicis is evaluating IMPAX s lawsuit and considering its options.

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SIGNATURES

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.

Date: January 18, 2008

By: /s/ Mark A. Prygocki, Sr.
Mark A. Prygocki, Sr.
Executive Vice President, Chief
Financial Officer and Treasurer