

MEDICIS PHARMACEUTICAL CORP

Form 8-K

May 15, 2006

**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): May 12, 2006**

**Medicis Pharmaceutical Corporation**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State of Incorporation)

**0-18443**  
(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:

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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 8.01. Other Events**

On April 13, 2006, Medicis Pharmaceutical Corporation ( Medicis ) filed a proxy statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission relating to its 2006 Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on May 23, 2006. In the proxy statement, Medicis submitted a proposal to approve the Medicis 2006 Incentive Award Plan (the Plan ).

In awarding stock-based compensation, Medicis supports appropriate steps to control its equity burn rate. To calculate Medicis equity burn rate percentage, the sum of the total number of shares represented by stock options granted in a fiscal year, plus two times the total number of shares of restricted stock or other stock awards awarded in that year, is divided by the gross number of shares outstanding at the end of that year.

In connection with the Plan, Medicis commits to maintain an average annual equity burn rate over the next three fiscal years (2006-2008) not exceeding 5.57% per year. This burn rate corresponds to the current mean plus one standard deviation of the Standard & Poor s Global Industry Classification Standards peer group pertinent to Medicis.

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SIGNATURE

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.

Dated: May 15, 2006

Medicis Pharmaceutical Corporation

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