

VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INC / MA

Form 8-K

December 08, 2015

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): December 2, 2015

VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

MASSACHUSETTS  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

000-19319  
(Commission File Number)

04-3039129  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

50 Northern Avenue  
Boston, Massachusetts 02210  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(617) 341-6100  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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):

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On December 2, 2015, we entered into a lease agreement for 3215 Merryfield Row, San Diego, California with ARE-SD Region No. 23, LLC. We expect to transition our San Diego research and administrative operations to this new facility in the second half of 2017.

Pursuant to this agreement, we have agreed to lease approximately 170,000 square feet of office and laboratory space in a building to be built in San Diego, California. The lease will commence upon completion of the building, scheduled for the second half of 2017, and will extend for 16 years from the commencement date. Pursuant to the lease agreement, during the initial 16-year term, we will pay an average of approximately \$10.2 million per year in aggregate rent, exclusive of operating expenses. We have the option to extend the lease term for up to two additional five-year terms.

Item 2.03 Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.

The information included in Item 1.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K is incorporated into this Item 2.03 of this Current Report on Form 8-K by reference.

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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.

VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED  
(Registrant)

Date: December 8, 2015

/s/ Michael J. LaCascia  
Michael J. LaCascia  
Senior Vice President and General Counsel