

MEDICIS PHARMACEUTICAL CORP
Form 8-K
December 29, 2008

**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
December 23, 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)

7720 North Dobson Road
Scottsdale, Arizona 85256
(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 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 8.01 Other Events.

Medicis Pharmaceutical Corporation (Medicis) today announced that it has received a Paragraph IV Patent Certification from Barr Laboratories, Inc. (Barr) advising that Barr has filed an Abbreviated New Drug Application (ANDA) with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for generic SOLODYN's current forms of 45mg, 90mg and 135mg strengths. Barr has not advised Medicis as to the timing or status of the FDA's review of its filing, or whether it has complied with FDA requirements for proving bioequivalence. Barr's Paragraph IV Certification alleges that Medicis's U.S. Patent No. 5,908,838 (the 838 Patent), is invalid, unenforceable and/or will not be infringed by either Barr's manufacture, use, or sale of the product for which the ANDA was submitted. The expiration date for the 838 Patent is 2018. Medicis is evaluating the details of Barr's certification letter and considering its options.

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: December 29, 2008

By: /s/ Jason D. Hanson
Jason D. Hanson
Executive Vice President, General
Counsel and Corporate
Secretary