

MEDICIS PHARMACEUTICAL CORP
Form 8-K
December 09, 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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): December 4, 2008

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)

7725 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)

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 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
 - 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 Mylan Inc. (Mylan) advising that Mylan 's majority owned subsidiary Matrix Laboratories Limited (Matrix) has filed an Abbreviated New Drug Application (ANDA) with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for generic SOLODYN[®] in its current forms of 45mg, 90mg and 135mg strengths. Mylan has not advised Medicis as to the timing or status of the FDA 's review of Matrix 's filing, or whether Matrix has complied with FDA requirements for proving bioequivalence. Mylan 's Paragraph IV Certification alleges that Medicis 's U.S. Patent No. 5,908,838, is invalid, unenforceable and/or will not be infringed by Matrix 's manufacture, use, or sale of the product for which the ANDA was submitted. The expiration date for this patent is 2018. Medicis is evaluating the details of Mylan '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 8, 2008

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