

CORTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INC/DE/  
Form 8-K  
June 03, 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): May 30, 2008

**CORTEX PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction)

**001-16467**  
(Commission File Number)

**33-0303583**  
(I.R.S. Employer

of Incorporation)

Identification No.)

**15241 Barranca Parkway, Irvine, California**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**92618**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (949) 727-3157

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

**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

At a meeting of the Compensation Committee of the board of directors of the Company held on May 14, 2008, the Committee approved the offer to certain employees, including, without limitation, James H. Coleman and Maria S. Messinger, of the right to receive shares of the Company's common stock in exchange for the cancellation of accrued paid time off in excess of fifty (50) days as of the end of May 2008, based on the employee's current rate of compensation per day. The offer was accepted by Mr. Coleman and Ms. Messinger and the exchange took place on May 30, 2008 based on the closing price per share of the Company's common stock on the American Stock Exchange of \$0.78 on such date and rounded to the nearest whole share. In connection with the transaction, Mr. Coleman and Ms. Messinger received 7,005 and 19,064 shares of the Company's common stock, respectively. The shares of the Company's common stock were issued under the Company's 2006 Stock Incentive Plan.

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.

Date: June 2, 2008

CORTEX PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

By: /s/ Maria S. Messinger  
Maria S. Messinger  
Vice President, Chief Financial

Officer, and Corporate Secretary