

MEDICIS PHARMACEUTICAL CORP  
Form 8-K  
June 03, 2010

**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  
June 1, 2010**

**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)

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 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

*The Company Receives a Reexamination Certificate from the USPTO*

On June 1, 2010, Medicis Pharmaceutical Corporation (the Company) received a Reexamination Certificate issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) in connection with the USPTO's reexamination of U.S. Patent No. 5,908,838 related to the Company's acne medication SOLODYN®. The Reexamination Certificate is directed to patentable claims 3, 4, 12, and 13, which claims are the subject of previously reported patent infringement lawsuits filed by the Company in Delaware and Maryland, as well as new claims 19-34. The USPTO determined that the claims are patentable, including over all the cited prior art.

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**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: June 2, 2010

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