

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): **June 26, 2006**

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.)

130 Waverly Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(617) 444-6100
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 June 26, 2006, Vertex Pharmaceuticals Incorporated and Merck & Co., Inc. agreed to extend the Research Program Term under the Exclusive Research Collaboration, License and Commercialization Agreement, dated as of June 21, 2004 (the "Collaboration Agreement"), between the parties. As a result of this extension, the Research Program Term under the Collaboration Agreement will expire on September 21, 2006.

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: June 26, 2006

/s/ Kenneth S. Boger

Kenneth S. Boger
Senior Vice President and General Counsel

