

MEDICIS PHARMACEUTICAL CORP  
Form 8-K  
March 02, 2012

**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**

**February 28, 2012**

**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)**

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**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))

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

(e) On February 28, 2012, the Stock Option and Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors (the Committee) of Medicis Pharmaceutical Corporation (the Company) approved the following compensation arrangements for certain of its executive officers.

*2011 Bonuses.* The Committee approved payment of the following cash bonuses to certain of the Company's executive officers. The payments reflect bonus amounts based on the achievement of performance objectives pre-established by the Committee, as described below, under its annual cash incentive program. The cash bonus amounts approved by the Committee were made in accordance with the Company's annual cash incentive program based upon the Company's performance against pre-established net revenue and adjusted non-GAAP EBITDA targets for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2011 that resulted in payments equal to 95% of target bonus opportunity. For purposes of determining whether the performance objectives had been achieved, the Company's performance was adjusted to remove certain expenses and charges as approved by the Committee. The total bonus payments for 2011 are set forth below.

| Executive Name              | Position  | 2011 Bonus   |
|-----------------------------|---|--------------|
| Jonah Shacknai              | Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer                  | \$ 1,009,755 |
| Jason D. Hanson             | Executive Vice President, Chief Operating Officer               | \$ 463,125   |
| Richard D. Peterson         | Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer | \$ 420,375   |
| Mark A. Prygocki            | President   | \$ 496,613   |
| Mitchell S. Wortzman, Ph.D. | Executive Vice President, Chief Scientific Officer              | \$ 356,250   |

*Base Salaries.* The Committee approved the following annual base salaries for the following executive officers, with retroactive effect to January 1, 2012. The 2012 salaries represent no increase based on the base salaries for the individuals in effect as of December 31, 2011.

| Executive Name              | 2012 Salary  |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Jonah Shacknai              | \$ 1,181,000 |
| Jason D. Hanson             | \$ 650,000   |
| Richard D. Peterson         | \$ 590,000   |
| Mark A. Prygocki            | \$ 697,000   |
| Mitchell S. Wortzman, Ph.D. | \$ 500,000   |

**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.

**MEDICIS PHARMACEUTICAL CORPORATION**

Date: March 2, 2012

By: /s/ Richard D. Peterson  
Richard D. Peterson  
Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and  
Treasurer