

BRISTOL MYERS SQUIBB CO
Form 8-K
July 15, 2005

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): July 14, 2005

BRISTOL-MYERS SQUIBB COMPANY

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction

of Incorporation)

1-1136
(Commission File Number)

22-079-0350
(IRS Employer

Identification Number)

345 Park Avenue

New York, NY, 10154

(Address of Principal Executive Office)

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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (212) 546-4000

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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.

On July 14, 2005, Bristol-Myers Squibb Company issued a press release announcing that it had signed a definitive agreement for the sale of its U.S. and Canadian Consumer Medicines business and related assets to Novartis AG. Under the agreement, Novartis AG will pay Bristol-Myers Squibb Company \$660 million in cash at closing. The transaction is subject to customary regulatory approvals and is expected to close by the end of the third quarter. A copy of the press release is attached to this report as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statement and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press release, dated July 14, 2005

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.

Bristol-Myers Squibb Company

Dated: July 15, 2005

By: /s/ Sandra Leung

Name: Sandra Leung
Title: Secretary

EXHIBIT INDEX

| Exhibit No. | Description |
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| 99.1 | Press Release, dated July 14, 2005 |