

MEDICIS PHARMACEUTICAL CORP  
Form 8-K  
July 29, 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  
July 28, 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:

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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 Files Suit Against Stiefel Laboratories, Inc.*

On July 28, 2010, Medicis Pharmaceutical Corporation (the Company) filed suit against Stiefel Laboratories, Inc., a subsidiary of GlaxoSmithKline plc (Stiefel), in the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas San Antonio Division seeking a declaratory judgment that the manufacture and sale of Stiefel's acne product VELTIN Gel, which was recently approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), will infringe one or more claims of the Company's U.S. Patent No. RE41,134 (the 134 Patent) covering the Company's product ZIENNA, a prescription topical gel indicated for the treatment of acne that was approved by the FDA in November 2006. The 134 Patent is listed in the FDA's *Approved Drug Products with Therapeutic Equivalence Evaluations* (Orange Book) and expires in February 2015. The Company has rights to the 134 Patent pursuant to an exclusive license agreement with the owner of the patent. The relief requested by the Company in the lawsuit includes a request for a permanent injunction preventing Stiefel from infringing the 134 Patent by engaging in the commercial manufacture, use, importation, offer to sell, or sale of any therapeutic composition or method of use covered by the 134 Patent, including such activities relating to VELTIN, and from inducing or contributing to any such activities.

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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.

Medicis Pharmaceutical Corporation

Date: July 29, 2010

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