

VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INC / MA  
Form 8-K  
June 26, 2006

## 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:

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**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