BRISTOL MYERS SQUIBB CO Form 8-K July 11, 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): July 11, 2006

BRISTOL-MYERS SQUIBB COMPANY

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction

1-1136 (Commission File Number) 22-079-0350 (IRS Employer

of Incorporation)

345 Park Avenue

 $Identification\ Number)$

New York, NY, 10154

(Address of Principal Executive Office)

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

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 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.

On July 11, 2006, the Company s Board of Directors elected Vicki L. Sato, Ph.D., to its Board of Directors. Her election is effective July 11, 2006. Dr. Sato will stand for election by stockholders at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders in May 2007. The size of the Board of Directors was increased to ten in connection with the election. Dr. Sato was not selected as a director pursuant to any arrangement or understanding between her and any other persons. A copy of the press release announcing her election is attached to this report as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

99.1. Press release dated July 11, 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.

BRISTOL-MYERS SQUIBB COMPANY

Dated: July 11, 2006 By: /s/ Sandra Leung

Name: Sandra Leung Title: Secretary

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.

DescriptionPress release dated July 11, 2006 99.1