

**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): **May 14, 2009**

**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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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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**Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.**

On May 14, 2009, at our 2009 annual meeting of stockholders, our stockholders approved amendments to our Amended and Restated 2006 Stock and Option Plan, or 2006 Plan, increasing the number of shares of our common stock available for grant under the 2006 Plan by 7,700,000 and increasing the maximum number of shares a participant may receive in a calendar year under the 2006 Plan from 600,000 to 700,000.

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**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: May 15, 2009

/s/ Ian F. Smith  
Ian F. Smith  
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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