

MERCK & CO INC
Form 8-K
February 20, 2007

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):

February 13, 2007

Merck & Co., Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

New Jersey

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

1-3305

(Commission
File Number)

22-1109110

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

One Merck Drive, P.O. Box 100, Whitehouse
Station, New Jersey

(Address of principal executive offices)

08889

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

908-423-1000

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

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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 February 13, 2007, Merck & Co., Inc. (the "Company" or "Merck") entered into a definitive agreement with the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") to settle its previously-disclosed tax disputes. This settlement resolves all of the issues that were in dispute. The agreement essentially brings to a close the IRS's examination of the Company for the period 1993-2001. Under the agreement, the final net cash cost to Merck is expected to be approximately \$2.3 billion which covers federal tax, net interest after federal tax deductions and penalties. The impact for years subsequent to 2001 of the previously disclosed tax disputes is included in the settlement although those years remain open in all other respects.

Merck has previously reserved for these items and this settlement is not expected to have any material impact on the Company's annual earnings for 2007.

The Company concluded that given the theoretical amount in disagreement, it was in the Company's best interests to reach this settlement so as to remove the uncertainty and cost of potential litigation.

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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.

Merck & Co., Inc.

February 20, 2007

By: */s/ Debra A. Bollwage*

Name: Debra A. Bollwage
Title: Senior Assistant Secretary