

MEDICIS PHARMACEUTICAL CORP  
Form POSASR  
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Registration No. 333-181292

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

**Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to**  
**FORM S-3**  
**REGISTRATION STATEMENT**

*Under*

*THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933*

**MEDICIS PHARMACEUTICAL CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

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

7720 North Dobson Road

Scottsdale, Arizona 85256

(602) 808-8800

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of Registrant's principal executive offices)

**Howard B. Schiller**

**Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer**

**Medicis Pharmaceutical Corporation**

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(Name, address, and telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

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**Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public:** Not applicable. Removal from registration of securities that were not sold pursuant to this registration statement.

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If the only securities being registered on this form are being offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box. "

If any of the securities being registered on this form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered only in connection with dividend or interest reinvestment plans, check the following box. "

If this form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, please check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering. "

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Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer  (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Smaller reporting company

**DEREGISTRATION OF SECURITIES**

This Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 (the Amendment ), relates to the Automatic Shelf Registration Statement on Form S-3, (the Registration Statement ), File No. 333-181292, of Medicis Pharmaceutical Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the Company ), filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 10, 2012. The Registration Statement registered an indeterminate number of the shares of the Company s Common Stock, par value \$0.014 per share (the Common Stock ), an indeterminate number of shares of the Company s Preferred Stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the Preferred Stock ), an indeterminate principal amount of the Company s Debt Securities (the Debt Securities ), an indeterminate number of warrants of the Company (the Warrants ), an indeterminate number of Purchase Contracts (the Purchase Contracts ) and an indeterminate number of Units (the Units ), and, together with the Common Stock, the Preferred Stock, the Debt Securities, the Warrants and the Purchase Contracts, the Securities ). This Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 (the Amendment ) is being filed to remove from registration all Securities that have not yet been sold under the Registration Statement.

On December 11, 2012, pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of September 2, 2012, among the Company, Valeant Pharmaceuticals International, a Delaware corporation ( VPI ), Merlin Merger Sub, Inc., a Delaware corporation and a wholly owned subsidiary of VPI ( Merger Sub ) and Valeant Pharmaceuticals International, Inc., a Canadian corporation, Merger Sub merged with and into the Company, with the Company continuing as the surviving corporation and a wholly-owned subsidiary of VPI (the Merger ).

As a result of the Merger, the offerings of the Securities pursuant to the Registration Statement have been terminated. In accordance with an undertaking made by the Company in the Registration Statement to remove from registration, by means of a post-effective amendment, any securities of the Company which remain unsold at the termination of the offerings, the Company files this Amendment to terminate the effectiveness of the Registration Statement and to remove from registration all of the Securities registered but unsold under the Registration Statement as of the date hereof, if any.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this post-effective amendment to the registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Scottsdale, State of Arizona, on December 11, 2012.

**MEDICIS PHARMACEUTICAL CORPORATION**

By: /s/ Howard B. Schiller  
Howard B. Schiller

Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer

and Treasurer