

WEST PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICES INC
Form 8-K
February 03, 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) February 2, 2006

WEST PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

101 Gordon Drive, PO Box 645, Lionville,
PA
(Address of principal executive offices)

19341-0645
(Zip Code)

610-594-3319

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(Former name or address, if changed since last report)

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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

On February 2, 2006, West Pharmaceutical Services, Inc. settled a lawsuit filed in connection with the January 2003 explosion and related fire at its Kinston, N.C. plant for an undisclosed amount. The Company's monetary contribution was limited to the balance of its deductibles under applicable insurance policies, all of which has been previously recorded in the Company's financial statements. The settlement concludes all litigation related to the Kinston accident in which the Company has been named a defendant.

The Company continues to be a party, but not a defendant, in a lawsuit brought by injured workers against a number of the Company's third-party suppliers. The Company believes exposure in that case is limited to amounts the Company and its workers' compensation insurance carrier would otherwise be entitled to receive by way of subrogation from the plaintiffs.

The information furnished pursuant to this Item 7.01 shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, nor shall it be incorporated by reference into any of the Company's filings under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, unless otherwise expressly stated in such filing.

SIGNATURE

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.

WEST PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICES, INC.

/s/ John R. Gailey III
John R. Gailey III
Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

February 3, 2006