

WEST PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICES INC
Form 8-K
June 14, 2005

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) June 8, 2005

WEST PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Pennsylvania
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

1-8036
(Commission File Number)

23-1210010
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

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

19341-0645
(Zip Code)

610-594-2900

(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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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 - o 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 June 8, 2005, West Pharmaceutical Services, Inc. (the Company) entered into a long-term supply contract with Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company. Under the contract, Goodyear will supply a majority of the Company's worldwide requirements of polyisoprene and styrene-butadiene rubber, a key raw material in the Company's disposable medical device products. The contract contains fixed pricing at current market rates with adjustments based on raw materials indices, as well as indemnification of the vendor against certain product-related claims. The contract, which became effective as of January 1, 2005, will continue until December 31, 2015.

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

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