

INVERNESS MEDICAL INNOVATIONS INC

Form 8-K

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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 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 4, 2007

INVERNESS MEDICAL INNOVATIONS, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

1-16789

04-3565120

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

51 Sawyer Road, Suite 200
Waltham, Massachusetts 02453

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)
(781) 647-3900

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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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 - ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
 - ☐ 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 4, 2007, Inverness Medical Innovations, Inc., a Delaware corporation (Inverness), Iris Merger Sub, Inc., a California corporation and wholly-owned subsidiary of Inverness (Merger Sub), and Cholestech Corporation, a California corporation (Cholestech), entered into an Agreement and Plan of Reorganization (the Merger Agreement), pursuant to which Inverness will acquire Cholestech through a merger of Cholestech and Merger Sub (the Merger).

The completion of the Merger is subject to various closing conditions, including obtaining the approval of Cholestech shareholders and receiving antitrust approvals (including under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act). The Merger is intended to qualify as a reorganization for federal income tax purposes.

At the effective time of the Merger (the Effective Time), by virtue of the Merger and without any action on the part of the holders of any capital stock of Cholestech, each share of common stock of Cholestech issued and outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time will be converted into the right to receive 0.43642 (the Exchange Ratio) of a share of common stock of Inverness (each full share, an Inverness Share).

In the Merger, each option to purchase shares of Cholestech common stock granted under employee and director stock plans of Cholestech that is outstanding as of immediately prior to the Effective Time, whether vested or unvested, shall be converted into a right to acquire Inverness Shares on the same terms and conditions as were applicable to such option prior to the Effective Time, provided that the number of Inverness Shares receivable and the exercise price of the option shall be adjusted to reflect the Exchange Ratio. All other Cholestech equity-based awards outstanding as of the Effective Time will remain in effect but will be denominated in Inverness Shares, with applicable adjustments to reflect the Exchange Ratio.

If the Merger Agreement is terminated under certain circumstances specified in the Merger Agreement, Cholestech will be required to pay Inverness a termination fee of \$9 million.

The Boards of Directors of Inverness and Cholestech have approved the Merger and the Merger Agreement.

The foregoing description of the Merger Agreement is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Merger Agreement, which is attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 2.1 and incorporated herein by reference. The Merger Agreement has been attached to provide investors with information regarding its terms. It is not intended to provide any other factual information about Inverness or Cholestech. In particular, the assertions embodied in the representations and warranties contained in the Merger Agreement are qualified by information in confidential disclosure schedules provided by Inverness and Cholestech to each other in connection with the signing of the Merger Agreement. These disclosure schedules contain information that modifies, qualifies and creates exceptions to the representations and warranties set forth in the Merger Agreement. Moreover, certain representations and warranties in the Merger Agreement were used for the purpose of allocating risk between Inverness and Cholestech rather than establishing matters as facts. Accordingly, you should not rely on the representations and warranties in the Merger Agreement as characterizations of the actual state of facts about Inverness or Cholestech.

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On June 4, 2007, Inverness and Cholestech issued a joint press release announcing the execution of the Merger Agreement. A copy of the press release is furnished hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

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Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Description

2.1 Agreement and Plan of Reorganization dated as of June 4, 2007, among Inverness Medical Innovations, Inc., Iris Merger Sub, Inc. and Cholestech Corporation.

99.1 Joint press release dated June 4, 2007.

This Current Report on Form 8-K contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and is subject to the safe harbors created therein. These statements include, but are not limited to, those regarding the prospects and timing associated with the consummation of the Merger and the tax treatment of the Merger for federal income tax purposes. These statements are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results and events to differ materially from those expressed in the forward-looking statements. These risks and uncertainties include, among others, the risk that the Merger does not close, including the risk that required shareholder and regulatory approvals for the Merger may not be obtained; the risk that the Internal Revenue Service may determine that the Merger does not qualify as a reorganization for federal income tax purposes; diversion of management's attention away from other business concerns; the risks associated with the development, generally, of the combined company's overall strategic objectives; the ability of the combined company to build additional value in its business; the existence of unanticipated technical, commercial or other setbacks related to the combined company's products and services; and the other risks set forth in Inverness and Cholestech's most recent Annual Reports on Form 10-K and Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The combined company may not successfully integrate the operations of Inverness and Cholestech in a timely manner, or at all, and the combined company may not realize the anticipated benefits or synergies of the Merger. Inverness undertakes no obligation to update any forward-looking statements to reflect new information, events, or circumstances occurring after the date of this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Additional Information and Where To Find It

Inverness plans to file with the SEC a Registration Statement on Form S-4 in connection with the transaction and Cholestech plans to file with the SEC and mail to its shareholders a Proxy Statement/Prospectus in connection with the transaction. The Registration Statement and the Proxy Statement/Prospectus will contain important information about Inverness, Cholestech, the transaction and related matters. Investors and security holders are urged to read the Registration Statement and the Proxy Statement/Prospectus carefully when they are available. Investors and security holders will be able to obtain free copies of the Registration Statement and the Proxy Statement/Prospectus and other documents filed with the SEC by Inverness and Cholestech through the web site maintained by the SEC at www.sec.gov. In addition, investors and security holders will be able to obtain free copies of the Registration Statement and the Proxy Statement/Prospectus from Inverness by contacting Shareholder Relations at (781) 647-3900 or jon.russell@invmed.com or from Cholestech by contacting Jack Glenn at (510) 781-5065 or jglenn@cholesteck.com.

Inverness and its directors and executive officers may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from the shareholders of Cholestech in connection with the transaction described herein. Information regarding the special interests of these directors and executive officers in the transaction described herein will be included in the Proxy Statement/Prospectus described above. Additional information regarding these directors and executive officers is also included in Inverness's proxy statement for its 2007

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Annual Meeting of Stockholders, which was filed with the SEC on or about April 9, 2007. This document is available free of charge at the SEC's web site at www.sec.gov and from Inverness by contacting Inverness at Shareholder Relations at (781) 647-3900 or jon.russell@invmed.com.

Cholestech and its directors and executive officers also may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from the shareholders of Cholestech in connection with the transaction described herein. Information regarding the special interests of these directors and executive officers in the transaction described herein will be included in the Proxy Statement/Prospectus described above. Additional information regarding these directors and executive officers is also included in Cholestech's proxy statement for its 2006 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, which was filed with the SEC on or about July 17, 2006. This document is available free of charge at the SEC's web site at www.sec.gov and from Cholestech by contacting Jack Glenn at (510) 781-5065 or jglenn@cholesteck.com.

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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.

**INVERNESS MEDICAL INNOVATIONS,
INC.**

By: /s/ Jay McNamara
Jay McNamara
Senior Counsel Corporate & Finance

Date: June 4, 2007

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