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REGISTRATION STATEMENT NO. 33-43574

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

POST-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT TO  
FORM S-3 AND FORM S-4  
REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

NOVARTIS VACCINES AND DIAGNOSTICS, INC.  
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware  
(State or other  
jurisdiction of  
incorporation or  
organization)

94-2754624  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

4560 Horton Street  
Emeryville, CA 94608  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Thomas Kendris, Esq.  
Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary  
Novartis Vaccines and Diagnostics, Inc.  
4560 Horton Street  
Emeryville, CA 94608  
(Name and address of agent for service)

(510) 655-8730  
(Telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

APPROXIMATE DATE OF PROPOSED SALE TO THE PUBLIC: Not applicable.

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.

If this form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(c) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If delivery of the prospectus is expected to be made pursuant to Rule 434, please check the following box.

THIS POST-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 8(C) OF THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933 ON SUCH DATE AS THE SECURITIES AND

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EXCHANGE COMMISSION, ACTING PURSUANT TO SAID SECTION 8(C), MAY DETERMINE.

DEREGISTRATION OF SECURITIES

This Post-Effective Amendment No. 3 relates to the Registration Statement on Form S-3 and Form S-4 (File No. 33-43574) filed by Registrant, formerly known as Chiron Corporation, on October 30, 1991, as amended on March 1, 1993 and May 24, 1993, registering shares of Chiron Corporation common stock issuable to the holders of certain warrants of Cetus Corporation and certain 5 1/4 % Convertible Subordinated Debentures due 2003 issued by Cetus Corporation.

The undersigned Registrant hereby removes and withdraws from registration all securities registered pursuant to this Registration Statement that remain unissued.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, 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 No. 3 to the registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Emeryville, County of Alameda, State of California on May 15, 2006.

NOVARTIS VACCINES AND DIAGNOSTICS, INC.

By: /s/ Thomas Kendris

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Name: Thomas Kendris  
Title: Vice President and Secretary

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Post-Effective Amendment No. 23 to the registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated:

By: /s/ Joerg Reinhardt

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Name: Joerg Reinhardt  
Title: Director, President and Chief  
Executive Officer (Principal  
Executive Officer)  
Date: May 15, 2006

By: /s/ Reto Braendli

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Name: Reto Braendli

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Title: Vice President and Chief Financial  
Officer (Principal Financial and  
Accounting Officer)

Date: May 15, 2006

By: /s/ Raymund Breu

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Name: Raymund Breu  
Title: Director  
Date: May 15, 2006

By: /s/ Paulo Costa

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Name: Paulo Costa  
Title: Director  
Date: May 15, 2006