VALEANT PHARMACEUTICALS INTERNATIONAL

Form 8-K March 21, 2006

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# 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 the earliest event reported): March 21, 2006
Valeant Pharmaceuticals International

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 1-11397 33-0628076

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

(Commission File Number)

(I.R.S Employer Identification No.)

3300 Hyland Avenue Costa Mesa, California 92626

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(714) 545-0100

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

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#### **Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure**

On March 21, 2006, Valeant Pharmaceuticals International (the Company) held a web conference to present the results of the first of two studies (VISER1) in its Phase 3 clinical trials for Viramidine (taribavirin hydrochloride). The presentation is attached as Exhibit 99.1. Exhibit 99.1 is also available on the Company s website at <a href="http://valeant.com">http://valeant.com</a> under Investor Relations/Financial Presentations dated March 21, 2006.

The information in this Item 7.01, including Exhibit 99.1, will not be treated as filed for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Exchange Act ) or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section. This information will not be incorporated by reference into a filing under the Securities Act of 1933, or into another filing under the Exchange Act, unless that filing expressly refers to specific information in this report.

#### **Item 8.01 Other Events**

On March 21, 2006, the Company issued a press release announcing the results of the VISER1 study. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.2.

#### **Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit Number Description

99.1 Presentation by the Company of the results of the first of two studies (VISER1) in its Phase 3

clinical trials for Viramidine (taribavirin hydrochloride).

99.2 Press release dated March 21, 2006.

#### FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This current report, including the exhibits, contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the federal securities laws relating to expectations, plans or prospects for Valeant Pharmaceuticals, including the prospects for the commercial launch of Viramidine. These statements are based upon the current expectations and beliefs of Valeant Pharmaceuticals management, including, but not limited to, expectations and beliefs regarding receipt and timing of FDA approval, and are subject to certain risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those described in the forward-looking statements. These risks and uncertainties include regulatory considerations, including FDA non-approval, and other factors beyond Valeant Pharmaceuticals control, clinical results that indicate continuing clinical and commercial pursuit of Viramidine is not advisable, and the risk factors and other cautionary statements discussed in Valeant Pharmaceuticals filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

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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.

Date: March 21, 2006 VALEANT PHARMACEUTICALS INTERNATIONAL

By: /s/ Bary G. Bailey

Bary G. Bailey

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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