

**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)

October 26, 2006

VIVUS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

0-23490

(Commission
File Number)

94-3136179

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

1172 Castro Street

Mountain View, CA 94040

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(650) 934-5200

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

(Former name or former 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)
- ☐ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- ☐ 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))

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On October 26, 2006, VIVUS, Inc. issued a press release regarding its financial results for the third quarter ended September 30, 2006 and certain other information. The full text of the press release concerning the foregoing is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1.

The information in this Form 8-K and the Exhibit attached hereto shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section, or incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

| <u>Exhibit Number</u> | <u>Description</u> |
|-----------------------|--|
| 99.1 | Text of press release dated October 26, 2006, titled "VIVUS Reports Third Quarter 2006 Financial Results." |

SIGNATURES

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.

VIVUS, INC.

/s/ Timothy E. Morris

Timothy E. Morris

Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Date: October 27, 2006

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
VIVUS Reports Third Quarter 2006 Financial Results

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif., October 26, 2006 – VIVUS, Inc. (NASDAQ: VVUS), a pharmaceutical company dedicated to the development and commercialization of novel therapeutic products addressing obesity and sexual health, today announced its financial results for the third quarter of 2006.

Financial Results for the Quarter Ended September 30, 2006

Total revenue for the third quarter of 2006 was \$4.0 million, as compared to \$3.3 million for the third quarter of 2005. The increase in revenue over the third quarter last year was primarily due to an increase in domestic shipments of MUSE. The increase in MUSE revenues is a result of fluctuations in inventory levels at the wholesale level and is not indicative of any trend. Domestic demand for MUSE at the retail and government level remains consistent with prior periods, averaging approximately 200,000 units per quarter. The increase in revenue from the third quarter last year was also impacted by changes in reserves against sales, which do not indicate any particular trend.

For the three months ended September 30, 2006, VIVUS reported a net loss of \$6.2 million, or \$0.13 per share, as compared to a net loss of \$6.0 million, or \$0.13 per share, in the third quarter of 2005. The increase in the net loss is primarily the result of increased total operating expenses in the three months ended September 30, 2006, compared to the same period of the prior year, partially offset by increased MUSE revenue. Total operating expenses of \$10.4 million in the third quarter were \$981,000 higher than the third quarter of 2005.

Effective January 1, 2006, VIVUS implemented the FASB revised statement No. 123 (FAS 123R) *Share-Based Payment*, which requires companies to expense the estimated fair value of employee stock options and similar awards. For the three months ended September 30, 2006, the stock compensation expense under FAS 123R is \$547,000. This amount has been allocated to cost of goods sold and manufacturing, research and development, and selling, general and administrative expenses, accordingly.

Financial Results for the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2006

For the nine-month period ending September 30, 2006, total revenues were \$8.9 million, compared to \$5.6 million for the same period in 2005. The increase in revenues is primarily due to increased domestic and international shipments of MUSE. Net loss for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 was \$20.8 million, or \$0.45 per share, compared to a net loss of \$23.4 million or \$0.55 per share for the same period in 2005. The decrease in the net loss is primarily the result of increased MUSE revenues and decreased research and development spending as compared to the first nine months of 2005. Research and development spending in the nine months ended September 30, 2006 declined for VIVUS' four clinical development programs for sexual health, partially offset by an increase in spending related to our obesity product candidate, Qnexa. For the nine months ended September 30, 2006, the total stock compensation expense under FAS 123R is \$1.6 million, a non-cash charge.

Cash, Cash Equivalents and Available-for-Sale Securities

At September 30, 2006, VIVUS had cash, cash equivalents and available-for-sale securities of \$26.3 million, as compared to \$27.0 million at December 31, 2005. The decrease in cash, cash equivalents and available-for-sale securities of \$677,000 is the net result of the \$12.0 million in proceeds from our registered direct public offering, the \$5.4 million loan obtained from Crown Bank, N.A., the collection of amounts owed at December 31, 2005 from customers as measured by a decrease of \$5.3 million in accounts receivable offset by cash used in operations, investment and other financing activities of \$23.4 million for the first nine months of 2006. Exclusive of the cash received from the sale of common stock and proceeds from the loan, the decrease in cash, cash equivalents and available-for-sale securities for the first nine months of 2006 was \$18.1 million.

NDA Submission

In September 2006, VIVUS announced the submission of a New Drug Application (NDA) with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for its investigational estradiol drug, EvaMist, a novel, once-a-day, transdermal spray for the treatment of vasomotor symptoms associated with menopause. VIVUS announced positive results from its pivotal Phase 3 clinical trial of EvaMist earlier this year. The study showed a statistically significant reduction in the number and severity of moderate and severe hot flashes for all three doses tested. EvaMist is a small, hand-held, simple-to-use spray that is designed to provide an easy and convenient means to deliver a preset dose of estradiol via the skin. EvaMist is fast drying, non-irritating and invisible after application. Studies have shown that once administered, EvaMist's formulation is not affected by washing and does not transfer to partners. EvaMist is easily titratable between one, two or three sprays.

"The third quarter was highlighted by the submission of the New Drug Application for EvaMist. I wish to thank the entire organization for their efforts to prepare and submit this NDA," commented Leland Wilson, president and chief executive officer of VIVUS. "Our toxicology

studies for Qnexa are well under way, and we expect to remain on target for initiation of our Phase 3 studies.”

ALISTA

In September 2006, VIVUS announced the results of the Phase 2b clinical study of its investigational drug ALISTA™ (topical alprostadil) for the treatment of female sexual arousal disorder (FSAD) in women who have undergone a hysterectomy. In this double-blind, placebo-controlled study, patients with FSAD using ALISTA achieved a more than doubling over baseline in the number of satisfactory sexual events; however, the difference between the ALISTA treatment group and the placebo group did not achieve statistical significance for the primary endpoint of the study. Given the higher than expected placebo response in this study, ALISTA will receive a lower development priority than other investigational products in the pipeline.

About VIVUS

VIVUS, Inc. is a pharmaceutical company dedicated to the development and commercialization of next-generation therapeutic products addressing obesity and sexual health. VIVUS has three products that are positioned to enter Phase 3 clinical trials, and one product currently under NDA review by the FDA. The pipeline includes: Qnexa™, for which a Phase 2 study has been completed for the treatment of obesity; Testosterone MDTs®, for which a Phase 2 study has been completed for the treatment of Hypoactive Sexual Desire Disorder (HSDD); EvaMist™, for which a Phase 3 study has been completed and an NDA submitted for the treatment of menopausal symptoms; and avanafil, for which a Phase 2 study has been completed for the treatment of erectile dysfunction (ED). MUSE® is approved and currently on the market for the treatment of ED. For more information on clinical trials and products, please visit the company’s web site at www.vivus.com.

Notes to Investors

Financial Results Conference Call:

As previously announced, VIVUS will hold a conference call to discuss the third quarter financial results today, October 26, 2006, beginning at 4:30 p.m. (EDT). You can listen to this call by dialing (877) 660-0983 and entering reservation number 9102231. A live webcast and 30-day archive of the call can be accessed at www.vivus.com.

A telephone replay of the conference call will be available for 24 hours beginning October 26th at approximately 7:30 p.m. (EDT) by dialing (800) 642-1687 and entering reservation number 9102231.

Certain statements in this press release are forward-looking within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements may be identified by the use of forward-looking words such as “anticipate,” “believe,” “forecast,” “estimated” and “intend,”

among others. These forward-looking statements are based on VIVUS’ current expectations and actual results could differ materially. There are a number of factors that could cause actual events to differ materially from those indicated by such forward-looking statements. These factors include, but are not limited to, substantial competition; uncertainties of patent protection and litigation; uncertainties of government or third party payer reimbursement; reliance on sole source suppliers; limited sales and marketing efforts and dependence upon third parties; risks related to the development of innovative products; and risks related to failure to obtain FDA clearances or approvals and noncompliance with FDA regulations. As with any pharmaceutical under development, there are significant risks in the development, regulatory approval and commercialization of new products. There are no guarantees that the EvaMist NDA submission will be filed with the FDA for substantive review, or that it will be approved in a timely basis, or at all. There are no guarantees that future clinical studies discussed in this press release will be completed or successful or that any product will receive regulatory approval for any indication or prove to be commercially successful. VIVUS does not undertake an obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statement. Investors should read the risk factors set forth in VIVUS’ Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005 and periodic reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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Tables to follow

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(in thousands, except per share data)

| | Three Months Ended | | Nine Months Ended | |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | September 30, 2006 (unaudited) | September 30, 2005 (unaudited) | September 30, 2006 (unaudited) | September 30, 2005 (unaudited) |
| Revenue: | | | | |
| United States product, net | \$ 3,348 | \$ 2,538 | \$ 6,948 | \$ 4,255 |
| International product | 567 | 688 | 1,643 | 1,235 |
| Other revenue | 116 | 41 | 347 | 122 |
| Total revenue | 4,031 | 3,267 | 8,938 | 5,612 |

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|--|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Operating expenses: | | | | |
| Cost of goods sold and manufacturing | 2,627 | 2,477 | 8,542 | 6,616 |
| Research and development | 4,301 | 4,154 | 11,162 | 14,080 |
| Selling, general and administrative | 3,510 | 2,826 | 10,678 | 8,941 |
| | | | | |
| Total operating expenses | 10,438 | 9,457 | 30,382 | 29,637 |
| | | | | |
| Loss from operations | (6,407) | (6,190) | (21,444) | (24,025) |
| | | | | |
| Interest and other income, net | 253 | 232 | 639 | 601 |
| | | | | |
| Loss before provision for income taxes | (6,154) | (5,958) | (20,805) | (23,424) |
| | | | | |
| Provision for income taxes | (6) | (2) | (18) | (23) |
| | | | | |
| Net loss | <u>\$ (6,160)</u> | <u>\$ (5,960)</u> | <u>\$ (20,823)</u> | <u>\$ (23,447)</u> |
| Net loss per share: | | | | |
| Basic and diluted | \$ (0.13) | \$ (0.13) | \$ (0.45) | \$ (0.55) |
| | | | | |
| Shares used in per share computation: | | | | |
| Basic and diluted | 48,399 | 44,526 | 46,619 | 42,824 |

VIVUS, Inc.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(In thousands, except par value)

| | September 30, 2006 (unaudited) | December 31 2005* |
|--|--------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Current assets: | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 18,881 | \$ 22,236 |
| Available-for-sale securities | 7,448 | 4,770 |
| Accounts receivable, net | 2,371 | 7,604 |
| Inventories, net | 4,045 | 4,504 |
| Prepaid expenses and other assets | 1,976 | 1,024 |
| Total current assets | 34,721 | 40,138 |
| Property and equipment, net | 8,738 | 9,144 |
| Restricted cash | 700 | — |
| | | |
| Total assets | <u>\$ 44,159</u> | <u>\$ 49,282</u> |
| | | |
| Current liabilities: | | |
| Accounts payable | \$ 3,091 | \$ 3,779 |
| Accrued and other liabilities | 7,687 | 12,790 |
| Total current liabilities | 10,778 | 16,569 |
| | | |
| Notes payable | 11,453 | 5,164 |
| Deferred revenue | 2,301 | 948 |
| Total liabilities | 24,532 | 22,681 |
| | | |
| Commitments and contingencies | | |
| | | |
| Stockholders' equity: | | |
| Preferred stock; \$1.00 par value; shares authorized 5,000; shares issued and outstanding - 0 at June 30, 2006 and December 31, 2005 | — | — |
| Common stock; \$.001 par value; shares authorized 200,000; shares outstanding - 48,403 at September 30, 2006 and 44,642 at December 31, 2005 | 48 | 45 |
| Additional paid-in capital | 187,433 | 173,613 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss | (4) | (30) |
| Accumulated deficit | (167,850) | (147,027) |
| Total stockholders' equity | 19,627 | 26,601 |
| Total liabilities and stockholder's equity | <u>\$ 44,159</u> | <u>\$ 49,282</u> |

* The Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet at December 31, 2005 has been derived from the Company's audited financial statements at that date.

