
**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): **September 22, 2003**

VIVUS, INC

(EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER)

COMMISSION FILE NUMBER: 0-23490

DELAWARE
(STATE OR OTHER JURISDICTION OF
INCORPORATION OR ORGANIZATION)

94-3136179
(I.R.S. EMPLOYER
IDENTIFICATION NO.)

**1172 CASTRO STREET
MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA**
(ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES)

94040
(ZIP CODE)

(650) 934-5200
(REGISTRANT'S TELEPHONE NUMBER, INCLUDING AREA CODE)

N/A
(FORMER NAME, FORMER ADDRESS AND FORMER FISCAL YEAR, IF CHANGED SINCE LAST REPORT)

Item 5. Other Events and Regulation FD Disclosure.

On September 22, 2003, VIVUS, Inc. announced the appointment of Larry J. Strauss as its Vice President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer, and the resignation of Richard Walliser as its prior Vice President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer. A copy of the press release making such announcements is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K and is incorporated by reference herein.

Item 7. Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

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99.1	Press Release dated September 22, 2003 announcing the appointment of Larry J. Strauss as Vice President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer and the resignation of Richard Walliser as Vice President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer.

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 thereunto duly authorized.

VIVUS, INC.

/s/ LARRY J. STRAUSS

Larry J. Strauss
Vice President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer

/s/ LELAND F. WILSON

Leland F. Wilson
President and Chief Executive Officer

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

VIVUS NAMES LARRY J. STRAUSS CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif. (SEPTEMBER 22, 2003) VIVUS, Inc. (Nasdaq NM: VVUS) today announced the appointment of Larry J. Strauss as vice president, finance and chief financial officer with overall responsibilities for the company's finance, accounting, investor relations, corporate communications, facilities and information systems functions. Mr. Strauss succeeds Richard Walliser, previously VIVUS' chief financial officer, who is retiring but will be involved in the transition until October 15, 2003.

"I'm extremely pleased to have Mr. Strauss join our team. He is coming on board at a critical point in VIVUS' development and he is bringing to the company exceptional talent and leadership experience," stated Leland F. Wilson, VIVUS' president and chief executive officer. "Larry's record of success in managing major transactions, making key strategic moves and providing financial leadership to medical device and specialty pharmaceutical companies will make him a significant asset as we advance our clinical programs in male and female sexual health."

Mr. Walliser joined VIVUS in December 1998 as vice president of finance. Mr. Wilson concluded, "We thank Dick for all of his contributions and dedication to the company over the past 5 years. Dick has been an integral part of this company's development and we wish him only the best in his retirement."

Most recently, Mr. Strauss served as vice president of finance and site manager for Baxter Healthcare Corporation's Fremont, California facility. Baxter Healthcare Corporation acquired Fusion Medical Technologies, Inc. in May 2002. From 1999 Mr. Strauss served as chief financial officer of Fusion and was a member of the senior management team responsible for building and managing the company's infrastructure to support a product launch. In addition, Mr. Strauss played a key role in strategic partner negotiations and fund raising. From October 1997 to May 1999, Mr. Strauss was vice president, operations of CardioGenesis Corporation, and Corporate Controller, beginning in February 1996. CardioGenesis manufactures proprietary medical devices for treating patients suffering from angina. From 1991 to 1995, Mr. Strauss was director of finance for Telik, Inc. Earlier in his career, Mr. Strauss served as vice president, finance and chief financial officer of Xoma Corporation. Mr. Strauss earned a BS degree, cum laude, in Mathematics from Claremont Men's College (Claremont McKenna College) and an M.S. degree in Industrial Engineering and Operational Research from the University of California, Berkeley.

VIVUS, Inc. is a pharmaceutical company engaged in the development of innovative therapies for the treatment of quality-of-life disorders in men and women, with a focus on sexual dysfunction. Current development programs target Female Sexual Dysfunction (FSD), Erectile Dysfunction (ED) and Premature Ejaculation (PE). VIVUS developed and markets in the U.S. MUSE[®] (alprostadil) and ACTIS[®], two innovations in the treatment of erectile dysfunction, and has partnered with Meda AB (Stockholm: MEDAa.ST) for the international marketing and distribution of its male transurethral ED products. In Canada, VIVUS has partnered exclusively with Paladin Labs (TSE: PLB) to market and distribute MUSE. For more information, please visit the Company's Web site at: www.vivus.com.

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