

GUIDANT CORP
Form 425
March 08, 2006

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): **March 8, 2006**

BOSTON SCIENTIFIC CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware		001-11083	04-2695240
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)		(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)
One Boston Scientific Place, Natick, Massachusetts			01760-1537
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)			(Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: **(508) 650-8000**

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Item 8.01. Other Events

Boston Scientific Corporation has voluntarily withdrawn and re-filed its notification under the Hart-Scott-Rodino (HSR) Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976 in connection with its pending acquisition of Guidant Corporation. This procedural step is consistent with Boston Scientific's plan as of the date of signing its agreement and plan of merger with Guidant on January 25, 2006. Boston Scientific currently expects the merger to close during the week of April 3.

SIGNATURE

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.

BOSTON SCIENTIFIC CORPORATION

By: /s/ Lawrence J. Knopf
Name: Lawrence J. Knopf
Title: Vice President and Assistant General Counsel

Dated: March 8, 2006