

BOSTON SCIENTIFIC CORP  
Form 425  
January 25, 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): **January 25, 2006**

**BOSTON SCIENTIFIC CORPORATION**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

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

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

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  - ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 8.01. Other Events**

On January 25, 2006, Boston Scientific Corporation ( Boston Scientific ) and Guidant Corporation ( Guidant ) issued a joint press release announcing that Boston Scientific and Guidant had entered into a merger agreement, dated as of January 25, 2006, pursuant to which Boston Scientific will acquire all the outstanding shares of Guidant common stock for a combination of cash and stock worth \$80 per Guidant share. The press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report and is incorporated herein by reference. The information required by Item 1.01 will be filed in a separate Current Report on Form 8-K.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

99.1 Press release, dated January 25, 2006

**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: January 25, 2006