

INVERNESS MEDICAL INNOVATIONS INC
Form 8-K
March 31, 2005

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 31, 2005**

INVERNESS MEDICAL INNOVATIONS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

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| Delaware | 1-16789 | 04-3565120 |
| (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) | (Commission File Number) | (IRS Employer Identification No.) |

51 Sawyer Road, Suite 200, Waltham, Massachusetts 02453

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(781) 647-3900

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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 - o 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 March 31, 2005, Inverness Medical Innovations, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the Company), completed its previously announced acquisition of Binax, Inc. (Binax). The merger was consummated pursuant to an Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of February 8, 2005, by and among the Company, a wholly-owned subsidiary thereof, Binax, and two shareholders of Binax. Binax, located in Portland, Maine, is a leading developer, manufacturer and distributor of rapid diagnostic products for infectious disease testing, primarily related to the respiratory system.

The total amount of consideration paid to Binax shareholders by the Company in connection with the merger was approximately 1.42 million shares of the Company's common stock and approximately \$8.8 million in cash. The merger agreement also provides that the Company will pay additional consideration of up to \$11 million in cash to the Binax shareholders if Binax meets certain new product development performance objectives over five years.

In addition, in connection with the acquisition, the Company has entered into a 5 year agreement to employ Roger Piasio, former President of Binax, as Binax Chief Scientific Officer.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) *Exhibits.*

| Exhibit No. | Description |
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| 99.1 | Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated February 8, 2005, by and among Inverness Medical Innovations, Inc., a Delaware corporation to be formed as a wholly-owned subsidiary of Inverness Medical Innovations, Inc., Binax, Inc., Roger N. Piasio and Myron C. Hamer, and Roger N. Piasio, as stockholder representative (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, event date February 8, 2005, filed on February 9, 2005) |

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.

INVERNESS MEDICAL
INNOVATIONS, INC.

Date: March 31, 2005

By:

/s/Jay McNamara
Jay McNamara
Associate General Counsel

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