

BOSTON SCIENTIFIC CORP  
Form 425  
January 17, 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 17, 2006**

**BOSTON SCIENTIFIC CORPORATION**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

<b>Delaware</b>		<b>001-11083</b>	<b>04-2695240</b>
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)		(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification 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 17, 2006, Boston Scientific Corporation ( Boston Scientific ) issued a press release announcing its submission of a further revised definitive offer to acquire Guidant Corporation ( Guidant ). The offer was communicated on January 17, 2006 in a letter from Pete Nicholas, Chairman of Boston Scientific, and Jim Tobin, President and Chief Executive Officer of Boston Scientific, to James M. Cornelius, Chairman of Guidant. The press release announcing the further revised offer, including the full text of the offer letter delivered to Mr. Cornelius, is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report.

In connection with Boston Scientific's submission of its revised offer to Guidant, Boston Scientific delivered a signed copy of the merger agreement it is prepared to enter into with Guidant. A copy of the merger agreement is attached as Exhibit 99.2 to this Current Report.

*Additional Information*

This above referenced material is not a substitute for the prospectus/proxy statement and any other documents Boston Scientific and Guidant would file with the SEC if a definitive agreement with Guidant is executed. **Investors and security holders are urged to read such prospectus/proxy statement and any other such documents, when available, which would contain important information about the proposed transaction.** The prospectus/proxy statement would be, and other documents filed or to be filed by Boston Scientific and Guidant with the SEC are or will be, available free of charge at the SEC's website ([www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov)) or from Boston Scientific by directing a request to Boston Scientific Corporation, One Boston Scientific Place, Natick, Massachusetts 01760-1537, Attention: Milan Kofol, Investor Relations.

Boston Scientific is not currently engaged in a solicitation of proxies from the security holders of Boston Scientific or Guidant in connection with Boston Scientific's proposed acquisition of Guidant or in connection with Johnson & Johnson's proposed acquisition of Guidant. If a proxy solicitation commences, Boston Scientific, Guidant and their respective directors, executive officers and other employees may be deemed to be participants in such solicitation. Information about Boston Scientific's directors and executive officers is available in Boston Scientific's proxy statement, dated April 4, 2005, for its 2005 annual meeting of stockholders. Additional information about the interests of potential participants will be included in the prospectus/proxy statement Boston Scientific and Guidant would file if a definitive agreement with Guidant is executed.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

99.1 Press release, dated January 17, 2006

99.2 Proposed Merger Agreement

**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 17, 2006