### **UNITED STATES**

### SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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| 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):

July 18, 2005

# GILEAD SCIENCES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**DELAWARE** (State or other jurisdiction of

0-19731 (Commission File Number) 94-3047598 (I.R.S. Employer

incorporation or organization)

Identification No.)

333 LAKESIDE DRIVE, FOSTER CITY, CALIFORNIA

(Address of principal executive offices)

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(Zip Code)

#### (650) 574-3000

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

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#### SECTION 1 REGISTRANT S BUSINESS AND OPERATIONS

#### Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

On July 18, 2005, Gilead Sciences, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the Company ), entered into a definitive Royalty Sale Agreement (the Sale Agreement ) with Investors Trust & Custodial Services (Ireland) Limited, solely in its capacity as Trustee of Royalty Pharma ( Royalty Pharma ), and Emory University ( Emory ). Pursuant to the terms of the Sale Agreement, the Company and Royalty Pharma will pay an aggregate purchase price of \$525 million (the Purchase Price ), with the Company and Royalty Pharma paying \$341.25 million and \$183.75 million, or 65% and 35% of the Purchase Price, respectively, for all of the royalties payable by the Company under the License Agreement dated as of April 17, 1996, by and between Emory and the Company, as amended by the First Amendment to License Agreement dated as of May 6, 1999, the Second Amendment to License Agreement dated as of July 10, 2000, the Third Amendment to License Agreement dated as of May 31, 2002, the Fourth Amendment to License Agreement dated as of April 19, 2004 and the Fifth Amendment to License Agreement dated as of July 18, 2005 (as amended, the Existing License Agreement ). At the closing of the transaction, the Company and Emory will amend and restate the Existing License Agreement to add Royalty Pharma as a party and provide that the Company will pay directly to Royalty Pharma 35% of the royalties that was payable to Emory under the Existing License Agreement. The transaction is subject to closing conditions, which include the amendment and restatement of the Existing License Agreement, the entry into a conveyance agreement by and between Emory and Royalty Pharma, which together with the Sale Agreement, will provide for Emory s sale of 35% of the royalties payable under the Existing License Agreement to Royalty Pharma, the Company s payment of an additional \$15 million to Emory in connection with the amendment and restatement of the Existing License Agreement, and certain customary closing conditions. A copy of the press release relating to the transaction is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

#### SECTION 9 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

#### **Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(c) Exhibits

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99.1 Press Release, issued by Gilead Sciences, Inc. on July 18, 2005.

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#### **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.

GILEAD SCIENCES, INC.

(Registrant)

/s/ John F. Milligan

John F. Milligan

Executive Vice President and

Chief Financial Officer

Date: July 19, 2005

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