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Registration No. 333-31762

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

# POST-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO FORM S-8 REGISTRATION STATEMENT

**UNDER** 

THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

### Merck Sharp & Dohme Corp.

 $(Exact\ name\ of\ registrant\ as\ specified\ in\ its\ charter)$ 

New Jersey 22-1109110

(State or other jurisdiction of		(IRS Employer	
incorporation or organization)	One Merck Drive	Identification Number)	
Whiteho	ouse Station, New Jersey 08	889-0100	
	(908) 423-1000		
(Address of p	orincipal executive offices, inclu	ding zip code)	
ME	ERIAL 401(k) SAVINGS PI	AN	
	Celia A. Colbert		
	Secretary		
N	Merck Sharp & Dohme Cor	p.	
	One Merck Drive		
Whiteho	ouse Station, New Jersey 08	889-0100	
(Name, addr	ress, including zip code, of agen	t for service)	
	(908) 423-1000		
(Telephone nur	mber, including area code, of a	gent for service)	

Indicate company. See (Check one): Act.

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#### **EXPLANATORY NOTE: DEREGISTRATION OF SECURITIES**

The Registration Statement on Form S-8 (Registration No. 333-31762) of Merck Sharp & Dohme Corp. (formerly Merck & Co., Inc.) ( Merck ) pertaining to 200,000 shares of common stock of Merck, par value \$0.01 per share (the Merck Common Stock ), under the Merial 401(k) Savings Plan was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 3, 2000 (the Registration Statement ).

On September 18, 2009, Sanofi-aventis (Sanofi) acquired Merck s 50% interest in Merial Limited (Merial) pursuant to the Share Purchase Agreement dated as of July 29, 2009 by and among Sanofi, Merck, Merck SH Inc. and Merck Sharp & Dohma (Holdings) Limited (the Transaction). In the Transaction, Merck sold its full equity interest in Merial. Immediately following the Transaction, Sanofi indirectly owned 100% of the outstanding equity in Merial. Accordingly, Merck is no longer a sponsoring employer of the Merial 401(K) Savings Plan and Merck has terminated all offerings of Merck Common Stock under the Registration Statement. In accordance with an undertaking made by Merck in the Registration Statement to remove from registration, by means of a post-effective amendment, any shares of Merck Common Stock which remain unsold at the termination of the offering, Merck hereby removes from registration all authorized shares of Merck Common Stock reserved for issuance under the Registration Statement that remain unsold and unissued as of the effective date of the Transaction.

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#### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933 and Rule 478 thereunder, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Whitehouse Station, State of New Jersey, on the 3rd day of November, 2009.

MERCK SHARP & DOHME CORP.

By: /s/ Celia A. Colbert
Celia A. Colbert
Secretary

Note: No other person is required to sign this Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement in reliance upon Rule 478 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.