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May 15, 2006

As filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 15, 2006.

Registration No. 33-65177

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

POST-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT TO FORM S-8  
REGISTRATION STATEMENT  
UNDER  
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

NOVARTIS VACCINES AND DIAGNOSTICS, INC.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

94-2754624  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

4560 Horton Street  
Emeryville, CA 94608  
(510) 655-8730  
(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of  
registrant's principal executive offices)

VIAGENE, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK PURCHASE PLAN  
(Full Title of Plan)

Thomas Kendris, Esq.  
Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary  
Novartis Vaccines and Diagnostics, Inc.  
4560 Horton Street  
Emeryville, CA 94608  
(510) 655-8730  
(Name, address, including zip code, and telephone number,  
including area code, of agent for service)

TERMINATION OF REGISTRATION

This Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 relates to the Registration Statement on Form S-8 (File No. 33-65177) filed on December 20, 1995, pertaining to the Common Stock of the Registrant, formerly known as Chiron Corporation, to be offered under the Viagene, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

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The undersigned Registrant hereby removes and withdraws from registration all securities registered pursuant to this Registration Statement that remain unissued.

### SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, 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 to the registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Emeryville, County of Alameda, State of California on May 15, 2006.

NOVARTIS VACCINES AND DIAGNOSTICS, INC.

By: /s/ Thomas Kendris

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Name: Thomas Kendris  
Title: Vice President and Secretary

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Post-Effective Amendment to the registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated:

By: /s/ Joerg Reinhardt

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Name: Joerg Reinhardt  
Title: Director, President and Chief  
Executive Officer (Principal  
Executive Officer)  
Date: May 15, 2006

By: /s/ Reto Braendli

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Name: Reto Braendli  
Title: Vice President and Chief  
Financial Officer (Principal  
Financial and Accounting Officer)  
Date: May 15, 2006

By: /s/ Raymund Breu

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Name: Raymund Breu  
Title: Director  
Date: May 15, 2006

By: /s/ Paulo Costa

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Name: Paulo Costa  
Title: Director  
Date: May 15, 2006

