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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

August 18, 2005

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

CONNETICS CORPORATION

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 0-27406 94-3173928

(State or Other Jurisdiction of

Incorporation)

(Commission File No.)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

3160 Porter Drive, Palo Alto, California 94304 (Address of principal executive offices, including zip code) (650) 843-2800

(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:

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- 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.

The following Executive Officer of Registrant has adopted a plan under Rule 10b5-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, for trading shares of Registrant s common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, and/or exchangeable shares:

Rebecca Sunshine

Date: August 18, 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.

CONNETICS CORPORATION

By: /s/ John L. Higgins

John L. Higgins Executive Vice President, Finance and Corporate Development and Chief Financial Officer

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