KING PHARMACEUTICALS INC Form 8-K December 22, 2005

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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 Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): December 20, 2005 King Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Tennessee 0-24425 54-1684963

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

501 Fifth Street, Bristol, Tennessee

37620

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (423) 989-8000

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King Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (the Company) and Mr. John A. A. Bellamy, the Company s former Executive Vice President, Legal Affairs and General Counsel, have entered into an agreement with respect to Mr. Bellamy s resignation from the Company, which resignation was made effective as of November 1, 2005. The Company and Mr. Bellamy have entered into a Waiver, Release and Non-Solicitation, Noncompete and Nondisclosure Agreement pursuant to the Company s Severance Pay Plan (Tier I) and an Addendum to the Waiver, Release and Non-Solicitation, Noncompete and Nondisclosure Agreement (collectively, the Agreement), dated December 20, 2005. Pursuant to the Company s Severance Pay Plan (Tier I), Mr. Bellamy will receive a severance payment from the Company and the continuation of certain benefits for approximately an eighteen month period. Mr. Bellamy is restricted from accepting employment, for one year, with any entity which, as of the date of the Agreement, manufactures products that compete directly with certain of the Company s products. In addition, the parties have mutually released each other from any and all claims or causes of action arising out of or related to Mr. Bellamy s employment with the Company, or his separation from the Company.

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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.

King Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

By: /s/ Joseph Squicciarino Joseph Squicciarino Chief Financial Officer

Date: December 21, 2005