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): May 18, 2006

HARVARD BIOSCIENCE, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

Delaware

000-31923

04-3306140

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

84 October Hill Road, Holliston, MA 01746

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(508) 893-8999

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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Item 1.01 Entry Into a Material Definitive Agreement.

At the 2006 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Harvard Bioscience, Inc. (the "Company"), on May 18, 2006, the Company's stockholders approved an amendment to the Company's Amended and Restated 2000 Stock Option and Incentive Plan (the "Plan") that increased the total number of shares of common stock available for issuance under the Plan by 2,000,000 shares. The foregoing summary is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Plan, which is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K and incorporated by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit Number

99.1(1)

Title

Harvard Bioscience, Inc. Amended and Restated 2000 Stock Option and Incentive Plan

(1) Previously filed as Appendix A to the Company's Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A (filed April 10, 2006) and incorporated by reference thereto.

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.

Date: May 23, 2006

HARVARD BIOSCIENCE, INC.

By: /s/ Bryce Chicoyne

Bryce Chicoyne Chief Financial Officer