

NOVARTIS AG  
Form 6-K  
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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

### FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER

PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 or 15d-16 OF

THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Report on Form 6-K dated February 2, 2007

(Commission File No. 1-15024)

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**Novartis AG**

(Name of Registrant)

**Lichtstrasse 35**

**4056 Basel**

**Switzerland**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F:

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Yes:  **No:**



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**- Investor Relations Release -**

**Novartis files 2006 annual report on Form 20-F with the US Securities and Exchange Commission**

**Basel, February 1, 2007** - Novartis announced today that it has filed its 2006 annual report on Form 20-F with the US Securities and Exchange Commission and has posted this document on its website at [www.novartis.com](http://www.novartis.com). A copy of the company's traditional annual report is also available on this website. Novartis shareholders may receive a hard copy of either of these documents, each of which contain our complete audited financial statements, free of charge, upon request.

**About Novartis**

Novartis AG (NYSE: NVS) is a world leader in offering medicines to protect health, cure disease and improve well-being. Our goal is to discover, develop and successfully market innovative products to treat patients, ease suffering and enhance the quality of life. We are strengthening our medicine-based portfolio, which is focused on strategic growth platforms in innovation-driven pharmaceuticals, high-quality and low-cost generics, human vaccines and leading self-medication OTC brands. Novartis is the only company with leadership positions in these areas. In 2006, the Group's businesses achieved net sales of USD 37.0 billion and net income of USD 7.2 billion. Approximately USD 5.4 billion was invested in R&D. Headquartered in Basel, Switzerland, Novartis Group companies employ approximately 101,000 associates and operate in over 140 countries around the world. For more information, please visit <http://www.novartis.com>.

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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, thereunto duly authorized.

**Novartis AG**

Date: February 2, 2007

By: /s/ MALCOLM B. CHEETHAM

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