

KERYX BIOPHARMACEUTICALS INC  
Form 8-K  
January 06, 2006

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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): **January 4, 2006**

**Keryx Biopharmaceuticals, Inc.**  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

<b>Delaware</b> (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	<b>000-30929</b> (Commission File Number)	<b>13-4087132</b> (IRS Employer Identification No.)
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**750 Lexington Avenue  
New York, New York 10022**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**(212) 531-5965**  
(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:

- £ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act.
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  - £ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act.
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**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.**

(d) On January 4, 2006, Dr. Jonathan Spicehandler was appointed to the Board of Directors of Keryx Biopharmaceuticals, Inc. (“Keryx”) by unanimous vote of the directors. There are no arrangements or understandings between Dr. Spicehandler and any other person pursuant to which Dr. Spicehandler was appointed to the Board. Since January 1, 2005, Dr. Spicehandler has not entered into any transaction in which he has a direct or indirect material interest and in which Keryx or any subsidiary of Keryx is also a party, and Dr. Spicehandler is not currently considering any such transactions. The text of a press release announcing the appointment of Dr. Spicehandler is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference into this Item.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits

The following exhibit is filed as a part of this report:

<b><u>Exhibit Number</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
<b>99.1</b>	<b>Press Release dated January 4, 2006.</b>

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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.

**Keryx Biopharmaceuticals, Inc.**  
**(Registrant)**

**Date: January 6, 2006**

**By: /s/ Ron Bentsur**  
**Ron Bentsur**  
**Vice President Finance and**  
**Investor Relations**

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**Press Release dated January  
4, 2006.**