

LOBBYING REPORT

Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (Section 5) - **All Filers Are Required To Complete This Page**

1. Registrant Name:

RICCHETTI INCORPORATED

2. Address:

1001 G STREET NW SUITE 600 EAST, WASHINGTON, DC 20001

3. Principal place of business (if different from line 2):

Country: SAME State/Zip(or Country):

4. Contact Name: JAMES HEIMBACH

Telephone: 202-879-9367

E-mail (optional): jay@ricchettiinc.com

Senate ID #: 62778-176

House ID #: 35395008

7. Client Name: Self

NOVARTIS

TYPE OF REPORT

8. Year 2005 Midyear (January 1 - June 30): **OR** Year End (July 1 - December 31):

9. Check if this filing amends a previously filed version of this report:

10. Check if this is a Termination Report: => Termination Date: 11. No Lobbying Activity:

INCOME OR EXPENSES

Complete Either Line 12 **OR** Line 13

12. Lobbying Firms

INCOME relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period was:

Less than \$10,000:

\$10,000 or more: => Income (nearest \$20,000): 60,000.00

Provide a good faith estimate, rounded to the nearest \$20,000, of all lobbying related income from the client (including all payments to the registrant by any other entity for lobbying activities on behalf of the client).

13. Organizations

EXPENSES relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period were:

Less than \$10,000:

\$10,000 or more: => Expenses (nearest \$20,000): _____

14. Reporting Method.

Check box to indicate expense accounting method. See instructions for description of options.

Method A. Reporting amounts using LDA definitions only

Method B. Reporting amounts under section 6033(b)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code

Method C. Reporting amounts under section 162(e) of the Internal Revenue Code

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LOBBYING ACTIVITY.

Select as many codes as necessary to reflect the general issue areas in which the registrant engaged in lobbying on behalf of the client during the reporting period. Using a separate page for each code, provide information as requested. Attach additional page(s) as needed.

15. General issue area code: ADV (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

Issues pertaining to the direct-to-consumer advertising of prescription drugs

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted:

U.S. Senate

U.S. House of Representatives

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area:

Name: RICCHETTI, JEFF

Covered Official Position (if applicable):

Name: RICCHETTI, STEVE

Covered Official Position (if applicable):

19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above.

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15. General issue area code: BUD (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

Issues pertaining to distribution practices for contact lenses, HR 2744, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act Issues pertaining to funding for combating malaria, HR 3057, the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted:

U.S. Senate

U.S. House of Representatives

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area:

Name: RICCHETTI, JEFF

Covered Official Position (if applicable):

Name: RICCHETTI, STEVE

Covered Official Position (if applicable):

19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above.

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15. General issue area code: HCR (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

Issues pertaining to the importation of prescription drugs, including: S. 334, the Pharmaceutical Market Access and Drug Safety Act of 2005 S. 184, the Safe Import Act of 2005 S. 109, the Pharmaceutical Market Access Act of 2005 HR 1626, the Medicare Prescription Drug Improvement Act Issues relating to the regulation of contact lenses, including HR 371 and S 172 Issues relating to methamphetamine legislation, specifically surrounding pediatric exception regulation of sales of products containing methamphetamine. S 103, the Curb Meth Act of 2005

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted:

U.S. Senate

U.S. House of Representatives

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area:

Name: RICCHETTI, JEFF

Covered Official Position (if applicable):

Name: RICCHETTI, STEVE

Covered Official Position (if applicable):

19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above. **None**

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15. General issue area code: MMM (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

Issues pertaining to the implementation of the Medicare Modernization Act, specifically relating to the development of Medicare drug formularies.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted:

U.S. Senate

U.S. House of Representatives

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area:

Name: RICCHETTI, JEFF

Covered Official Position (if applicable):

Name: RICCHETTI, STEVE

Covered Official Position (if applicable):

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15. General issue area code: PHA (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

Issues relating to the regulation of the sale of pharmaceuticals, including work on: S. 103, the Combat Meth Act of 2005

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted:

U.S. Senate

U.S. House of Representatives

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area:

Name: RICCHETTI, JEFF

Covered Official Position (if applicable):

Name: RICCHETTI, STEVE

Covered Official Position (if applicable):

19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above.

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Signature: ON FILE Date: Feb 09, 2006

Printed Name and Title: James Heimbach, Vice President -