

NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS  
Form S-8  
August 10, 2006

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Registration No. 333-

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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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## FORM S-8

### REGISTRATION STATEMENT

*UNDER*

*THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933*

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## NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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Delaware  
(State of Incorporation)

94-3134940  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

150 Industrial Road

San Carlos, CA 94070

(Address of principal executive offices)

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2000 Equity Incentive Plan

(Full title of the plans)

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Robert B. Chess

Chief Executive Officer, President and Director

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**Nektar Therapeutics**

**150 Industrial Road**

**San Carlos, CA 94070**

**(650) 631-3100**

(Name, address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

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*Copies to:*

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**CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE**

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<b>Title of Securities to be Registered</b>	<b>Amount to be Registered</b>	<b>Proposed Maximum</b>		<b>Amount of Registration Fee</b>
		<b>Offering Price per Share (1)</b>	<b>Aggregate Offering Price (1)</b>	
Common Stock (par value \$0.0001)	7,000,000 shares	\$ <u>16.14</u>	\$ <u>112,980,000</u>	\$ 12,088.86

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- (1) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the amount of the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457(h). The price per share and aggregate offering price are based upon the average of the high and low prices of Registrant's Common Stock on August 8, 2006 as reported on the Nasdaq National Market (pursuant to Rule 457(c) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended). This registration statement shall cover any additional shares of Common Stock which become issuable under the 2000 Equity Incentive Plan set forth herein by reason of any stock dividend, stock split, recapitalization or any other similar transaction without receipt of consideration which results in an increase in the number of shares of the Registrant's outstanding Common Stock.
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**INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE OF CONTENTS OF  
REGISTRATION STATEMENT ON FORM S-8 NO. 333-117975  
REGISTRATION STATEMENT ON FORM S-8 NO. 333-59735  
REGISTRATION STATEMENT ON FORM S-8 NO. 333-07969  
REGISTRATION STATEMENT ON FORM S-8 NO. 33-79630**

The contents of Registration Statement on Form S-8 No. 333-117975 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission August 6, 2004 are incorporated by reference herein.

The contents of Registration Statement on Form S-8 No. 333-59735 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission July 23, 1998 are incorporated by reference herein.

The contents of Registration Statement on Form S-8 No. 333-07969 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on July 11, 1996 are incorporated by reference herein.

The contents of Registration Statement on Form S-8 No. 33-79630 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 1, 1994 are incorporated by reference herein.

**INDEMNIFICATION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS**

Under Section 145 of the Delaware General Corporation Law, we have broad powers to indemnify our directors and officers against liabilities they may incur in such capacities, including liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act ).

Our certificate of incorporation, as amended, provides for the elimination of liability for monetary damages for breach of our directors' fiduciary duty of care to us and our stockholders. These provisions do not eliminate our directors' duty of care and, in appropriate circumstances, equitable remedies such as an injunctive or other forms of non-monetary relief will remain available under Delaware law. In addition, each director will continue to be subject to liability for breach of the director's duty of loyalty to us, for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, for any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit and for violating Section 174 of the Delaware General Corporation Law. The provision does not affect a director's responsibilities under any other laws, such as the federal securities laws or state or federal environmental laws.

We have entered into agreements with our directors and executive officers that require us to indemnify such persons against expenses, judgments, fines, settlements and other amounts actually and reasonably incurred (including expenses of a derivative action) in connection with any proceeding, whether actual or threatened, to which any such person may be made a party by reason of the fact that such person is or was a director or officer of us or any of our affiliated enterprises, provided such person acted in good faith and in a manner such person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of us and, with respect to any criminal proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful. The indemnification agreements also set forth certain procedures that will apply in the event of a claim for indemnification thereunder.

**EXHIBITS**

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- 5.1(13) Opinion of Cooley Godward LLP.
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- (13) Filed herewith

**UNDERTAKINGS**

(a) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act;

(ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than 20 percent change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the Calculation of Registration Fee table in the effective registration statement.

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement;

*Provided, however, that:*

Paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii) of this section do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the registrant pursuant to section 13 or section 15(d) of the Exchange Act that are incorporated by reference herein.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

(b) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each filing of the registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to section 15(d) of the Exchange Act) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of San Carlos, State of California, on August 10, 2006.

**NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS**

By: /s/ Louis Drapeau  
Louis Drapeau  
Senior Vice President, Finance and Chief  
Financial Officer (Principal Accounting and  
Financial Officer)

**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

**KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS**, that each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints Robert B. Chess and Louis Drapeau, and each or any one of them, his or her true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for him or for her and in his or her name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) to this Registration Statement, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents, and each of them, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in connection therewith, as fully to all intents and purposes as he or she might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents, or any of them, or their or his or her substitutes or substitute, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

<b>Signature</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Date</b>
/s/ Robert B. Chess  Robert B. Chess	Interim Chief Executive Officer, President and Director (Principal Executive Officer)	August 10, 2006
/s/ Louis Drapeau  Louis Drapeau	Senior Vice President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Accounting and Financial Officer)	August 10, 2006
/s/ John S. Patton  John S. Patton, Ph.D.	Founder, Chief Scientific Officer and Director	August 10, 2006
/s/ Michael A. Brown  Michael A. Brown	Director	August 10, 2006
/s/ Christopher A. Kuebler  Christopher A. Kuebler	Director	August 10, 2006
/s/ Joseph J. Krivulka  Joseph J. Krivulka	Director	August 10, 2006
/s/ Irwin Lerner  Irwin Lerner	Director	August 10, 2006
/s/ Susan Wang  Susan Wang	Director	August 10, 2006
/s/ Roy A. Whitfield  Roy A. Whitfield	Director	August 10, 2006



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