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): July 17, 2003

IDEC PHARMACEUTICALS CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

0-19311

(Commission File Number)

33-0112644

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

3030 Callan Road, San Diego, CA

(Address of principal executive offices)

92121 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (858) 431-8500

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

ITEM 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press release dated July 17, 2003.

ITEM 9. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On July 17, 2003, IDEC Pharmaceuticals Corporation issued a press release announcing its financial results for the three months ended June 30, 2003. A copy of this press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1. The attached press release includes certain information presented on a non-GAAP basis within the meaning of Regulation G. This non-GAAP financial information is not in accordance with, nor is it a substitute for, GAAP information. IDEC Pharmaceuticals Corporation believes that the non-GAAP financial information presented provides useful information to both management and investors by providing a better comparison of ongoing operating results and trends. This Form 8-K and the attached exhibit are provided under Item 12, Results of Operation and Financial Condition, and are furnished to, but not filed with, the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: July 17, 2003

IDEC PHARMACEUTICALS CORPORATION

By /s/ EDWARD M. RODRIGUEZ

Name: Edward M. Rodriguez

Title: Vice President, Finance and Controller

IDEC PHARMACEUTICALS REPORTS SECOND QUARTER 2003 RESULTS

Rituxan Sales Increase 28% and Total Revenues Increase 27% Over Second Quarter 2002; \$20 Million Payment for anti-CD20 Antibody
Development Made to Genentech

SAN DIEGO, California, (July 17, 2003): IDEC Pharmaceuticals Corporation (Nasdaq: IDPH) today announced its financial results for the second quarter ended June 30, 2003. Net income was \$28.8 million, or \$0.17 per share on a diluted basis, compared to \$35.4 million, or \$0.20 per share on a diluted basis, for the same period in 2002. Net income for the second quarter of 2003 includes a \$20 million one-time signing payment (\$12.4 million after tax) made to Genentech, Inc. in association with the new anti-CD20 antibody development collaboration between IDEC and Genentech announced on June 20, 2003. The signing payment to Genentech was recorded to research and development expense in the second quarter of 2003. Excluding the one-time signing payment to Genentech, net income for the second quarter of 2003 would have been \$41.2 million, or \$0.24 per share on a diluted basis, a 20% increase on a per share basis over the same period in 2002. (See accompanying table for a reconciliation of reported GAAP results to non-GAAP results.)

Total revenues for the second quarter ended June 30, 2003 were \$123.6 million, compared to \$97.1 million for the second quarter of 2002. Revenues for the second quarter of 2003 included \$118.4 million recorded for IDEC's joint business arrangement with Genentech for the commercialization of Rituxan® (Rituximab), which IDEC copromotes in the U.S. with Genentech, compared to \$92.5 million for the second quarter of 2002. Revenues in the second quarter of 2003 also included \$5.0 million in U.S. net sales of Zevalin® (ibritumomab tiuxetan), which IDEC markets alone in the U.S. and was launched in April 2002, compared to \$3.3 million for the second quarter of 2002.

Rituxan Revenues

U.S. net sales of Rituxan in the second quarter of 2003, as recorded by Genentech, were \$328 million compared to \$257 million for the same period in 2002.

"We were very pleased with the performance of Rituxan in the second quarter," said William R. Rohn, IDEC's president and chief operating officer. "Net U.S. sales increased \$71 million in the second quarter, representing a 28 percent increase from the same quarter last year."

IDEC's royalty revenue on sales of Rituximab outside the U.S. is based on Roche's and Zenyaku's end-user sales and is recorded with a one-quarter lag. IDEC recognized, during the second quarter of 2003, \$13.9 million in royalties from Roche's and Zenyaku's end-user sales during the first quarter of 2003.

Revenues from unconsolidated joint business reflect the financial results from the commercialization of Rituxan by IDEC and Genentech. Revenues from unconsolidated joint business includes various revenues associated with Rituxan commercialization such as IDEC's share of pretax copromotion profits, reimbursements from Genentech for IDEC's Rituxan-related sales force and development expenses, and royalty revenues on sales of Rituximab outside the United States by Roche and Zenyaku. Roche has marketing rights to Rituximab outside of the U.S., and copromotes Rituxan in Japan with Zenyaku.

Operating Costs and Expenses

Operating costs and expenses for the second quarter of 2003 increased to \$80.4 million from \$47.1 million for the second quarter of 2002. The higher 2003 operating expenses are primarily the result of the \$20 million one-time signing payment made to Genentech, the write-off of \$3.1 million of Zevalin commercial inventory that did not meet quality specifications, increased legal expenses to protect IDEC's intellectual property rights, and increased sales and marketing expenses to support commercialization of Zevalin.

Cash Position

IDEC ended the second quarter of 2003 with cash, cash equivalents and securities available-for-sale totaling \$1.5 billion.

General Information

IDEC Pharmaceuticals Corporation is a leader in the discovery, development, and commercialization of targeted immunotherapies for the treatment of cancer and autoimmune diseases. IDEC discovered and developed the first commercially available radioimmunotherapy product (Zevalin) approved in the United States, which is used to treat certain non-Hodgkin's lymphomas. IDEC also discovered and, with co-promotion partner Genentech, Inc., developed the first monoclonal antibody product (Rituxan) approved in the United States for the treatment of cancer. Rituxan is approved in over 70 countries worldwide and is also used to treat various types of non-Hodgkin's lymphomas. IDEC is a San Diego based, integrated biopharmaceutical company with multiple products in clinical stage development and strategic alliances in a variety of research platforms.

Today, interested parties can access a live webcast of management's discussion of second quarter of 2003 results at IDEC's website (http://www.idecpharm.com) at 1:30 p.m. Pacific Standard Time. The webcast will be archived on the IDEC website. For a menu of IDEC's current news releases and quarterly reports or to retrieve a specific release, call (888) 329-2309.

IDEC's expectations. For example, the risk factors listed from time to time in IDEC's SEC filings including but not limited to its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2002 and its Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the three months ended March 31, 2003, may affect the actual results achieved by IDEC. These forward-looking statements represent the company's judgment as of the date of this release. The company disclaims, however, any intent or obligation to update these forward-looking statements.

IDEC Pharmaceuticals, Rituxan and Zevalin are registered U.S. trademarks of the company. The company's headquarters are located at 3030 Callan Road, San Diego, CA 92121.

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IDEC PHARMACEUTICALS CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

(In thousands, except per share data)

(Unaudited)

	Three months ended June 30,				Six months ended June 30,			
		2003		2002		2003	_	2002
Revenues:								
Product sales	\$	4,980	\$	3,300	\$	10,642	\$	3,300
Revenues from unconsolidated joint business		118,365		92,455		229,276		170,637
Corporate partner revenues		217		1,376		890		2,935
Total revenues		123,562		97,131		240,808		176,872
Operating costs and expenses:								
Cost of sales		3,791		889		4,643		889
Research and development		47,440		22,980		76,827		42,229
Selling, general and administrative		29,187		23,224		53,052		42,067
Total operating costs and expenses		80,418		47,093		134,522		85,185
Income from operations		43,144		50,038		106,286		91,687
Interest income, net		3,253		4,397		6,563		8,399
Income before income taxes		46,397		54,435		112,849		100,086
Income taxes		17,631		19,052		42,883		35,030
Net income	\$	28,766	\$	35,383	\$	69,966	\$	65,056
Earnings per share:								
Basic	\$	0.19	\$	0.23	\$	0.45	\$	0.42
Diluted	\$	0.17	\$	0.20	\$	0.41	\$	0.37
Shares used in calculation of earnings per share:								
Basic		155,171		152,827		154,924		153,128
Diluted		178,308		179,515		178,066		180,965

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET INFORMATION

(In thousands)

(Unaudited)

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	June 30,		December 31,		
	_	2003	2002		
ASSETS					
Cash, cash equivalents and securities available-for-sale	\$	1,450,693	\$	1,447,865	
Due from related parties		103,729		100,288	
Property and equipment, net		368,503		264,537	
Other		235,652		246,999	
Total assets	\$	2,158,577	\$	2,059,689	
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY					
Current liabilities	\$	52,246	\$	56,225	
Non-current liabilities		906,200		893,774	
Stockholders' equity		1,200,131		1,109,690	
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$	2,158,577	\$	2,059,689	

This earnings release includes financial information presented on a non-GAAP basis within the meaning of SEC Regulation G. IDEC believes that this presentation of non-GAAP results provides useful information to both management and investors by providing a better comparison of ongoing operating results and trends. The reconciliation set forth below is provided in accordance with Regulation G and reconciles the non-GAAP financial measure with the most directly comparable GAAP-based financial measure.

IDEC PHARMACEUTICALS CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

RECONCILIATION OF GAAP TO NON-GAAP RESULTS

(In thousands, except per share data) (Unaudited)

	Three months ended June 30,			
	2003	20	002	
Net income — GAAP basis	\$ 28,766	\$	35,383	
Adjustment:				
One-time signing payment made to Genentech, net of related tax effect	12,400		3/4	
Net income — non-GAAP basis	\$ 41,166	\$	35,383	
Diluted earnings per share — GAAP basis	\$ 0.17	\$	0.20	
Adjustment:				
One-time signing payment made to Genentech, net of related tax effect	0.07		3/4	
Diluted earnings per share — non-GAAP basis	\$ 0.24	\$	0.20	

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