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December 20, 2004

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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 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): December 14, 2004

BOSTON SCIENTIFIC CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

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| DELAWARE | 1-11083 | 04-2695240 |
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| (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) | (Commission file number) | (IRS employer identification no.) |

One Boston Scientific Place, Natick, Massachusetts 01760-1537

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (508) 650-8000

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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ITEM 5.02. DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS;
APPOINTMENT OF PRINCIPAL OFFICERS.

On December 14, 2004, the Board of Directors of Boston Scientific Corporation (the "Company") appointed Paul A. LaViolette to the position of Chief Operating Officer of the Company. Prior to this appointment, Mr. LaViolette, 47, served as Senior Vice President and Group President for the Company's Cardiovascular businesses. Mr. LaViolette joined the Company in January 1994 as President of Boston Scientific International. In February 1995, he became Group President for the Company's Endoscopy and Urology businesses. In 1998, he again joined Boston Scientific International as its President to help strengthen and stabilize the organization. In 2000, Mr. LaViolette added Group President responsibilities for the Scimed, EP Technologies and Target divisions, and in 2001 also took on the role of President of Scimed.

During 2000, the Company provided a home improvement loan in the amount of \$400,000 to Mr. LaViolette. The principal balance on the loan bears interest at the then-current applicable federal rate for medium term notes (approximately 6%) until the principal balance is paid in full. Principal, together with interest compounded quarterly, is due and payable in October 2005.

The Company announced additional management promotions. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1. The Company also provides retention and indemnification agreements to its executive officers. Forms of these agreements have been previously filed by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

99.1 Press Release dated December 20, 2004

SIGNATURE

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

BOSTON SCIENTIFIC CORPORATION

Date: December 20, 2004

By: /s/ Lawrence J. Knopf

Lawrence J. Knopf
Vice President and
Assistant General Counsel

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