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Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

March 9, 2006 Date of report (March 8, 2006) (Date of earliest event reported)

Hexcel Corporation (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware (State of Incorporation)

1-8472 (Commission File No.) 94-1109521 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

Two Stamford Plaza 281 Tresser Boulevard Stamford, Connecticut 06901-3238 (Address of Principal Executive Offices and Zip Code)

(203) 969-0666 (Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

N/A (Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):
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o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Section 8 Other Events
Item 8.01 Other Events
In our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) on March 7, 2006, we disclosed that on February 9, 2006, the US Department of Justice (DOJ) informed us that it wished to enter into a statute of limitations tolling agreement covering possible civil claims the United States could assert against Hexcel with respect to Zylon fiber fabric that the Company made and was incorporated into allegedly defective body armor manufactured by some of our customers. On March 8, 2006, we entered into a tolling agreement with the DOJ which excludes the period between February 14, 2006 and September 1, 2006 when determining whether any such civil claims are time-barred.
On February 28, 2006, we filed a Registration Statement on Form S-3 for the public offering by certain investors of 21,433,306 shares of our common stock (or up to 23,576,637 shares if the underwriters exercise their option to purchase additional shares from the investors). We are including as exhibits 99.1 and 99.2 to this Current Report on Form 8-K the following information, which will be included in the final prospectus for this offering:
Capitalization Table, which sets forth our cash and cash equivalents and our capitalization as of December 31, 2005 on an actual and pro forma basis
Unaudited Pro Forma Financial Information, including an unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2005 and an unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated statement of operations for the year ended December 31, 2005
We have filed a registration statement (including a prospectus) with the SEC for the offering to which this communication relates. Before you invest, you should read the prospectus in that registration statement and other documents we have filed with the SEC for more complete information about Hexcel and this offering. You may get these documents for free by visiting EDGAR on the SEC Web site at www.sec.gov. Alternatively, either of the joint book-running managers in the offering will arrange to send you the prospectus if you request it by contacting Goldman, Sachs & Co., 85 Broad Street, New York, NY 10004 (Tel: 1-866-471-2526) or Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, One Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10010 (Tel: 212-325-2580).
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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities 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.

HEXCEL CORPORATION

March 9, 2006

/s/ Ira J. Krakower Ira J. Krakower Senior Vice President

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Exhibit No. **Description** 99.1 Capitalization Table

99.2 Unaudited Pro Forma Financial Information

Exhibit 99.1

CAPITALIZATION

The following table sets forth our cash and cash equivalents and our capitalization as of December 31, 2005 on an actual and a pro forma basis. Pro forma cash and cash equivalents and the pro forma capitalization are presented to reflect expected costs of this offering to be paid in cash by the Company. This table should be read in conjunction with "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and the consolidated financial statements, unaudited pro forma financial information and related notes and other financial information included in or incorporated by reference in this prospectus.

	As of December 31, 2005					
	A	Actual		Adjustments		o Forma
			((in millions)		
Cash and cash equivalents:	\$	21.0	\$	(1.2)	\$	19.8
Senior debt:						
Senior secured credit facility revolver due 2010	\$	5.0	\$		\$	5.0
Senior secured credit facility Senior secured credit facility term B loan due 2012	φ	185.0	φ		φ	185.0
European credit and overdraft facilities		1.3				1.3
Capital lease obligations		3.5				3.5
Capital lease obligations		3.3				3.3
Total senior debt		194.8				194.8
Other debt:						
6.75% senior subordinated notes due 2015		225.0				225.0
Total other debt		225.0				225.0
Total debt		419.8				419.8
Stockholders' equity (deficit):						

Preferred stock, no par value, 20.0 shares authorized, no shares issued and outstanding

As of December 31, 2005

		0.9
455.0		455.0
(222.5)	(1.2)	(223.7)
(7.3)		(7.3)
226.1 (15.4)	(1.2)	224.9 (15.4)
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Exhibit 99.2

UNAUDITED PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2005 has been prepared to illustrate the effect of the expected costs of \$1.2 million to be incurred in connection with this offering and to be paid in cash by the Company, as if this offering occurred as of December 31, 2005.

The unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated statement of operations for the year ended December 31, 2005 has been prepared to illustrate the effect of (a) the refinancing of substantially all of the Company's long-term debt during the first quarter of 2005 (the "Refinancing"), (b) the December 29, 2005 conversion of the remaining 70,729 shares of Series A mandatorily redeemable convertible preferred stock into approximately 23.6 million shares of common stock ("the Conversion") and (c) the conversion in August 2005 by the holders thereof of 30,355 shares of Series A and 47,125 shares of Series B mandatorily redeemable convertible preferred stock into an aggregate of 13.2 million shares of common stock (the "Equity Offering"), as if each of these transactions occurred as of January 1, 2005. There is no tax impact on the proforma adjustments due to limitations on the Company's ability to realize tax benefits in the U.S. for the periods presented, and due to the requirement under U.S. generally accepted accounting principles to establish or release, a non-cash valuation allowance attributable to currently generated U.S. net operating income (losses) until such time as the U.S. operations generate income in the future years to utilize the net operating losses in full.

The following unaudited pro forma financial information should be read in conjunction with "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" appearing elsewhere in this prospectus and the consolidated financial statements of Hexcel and the notes thereto incorporated by reference in this prospectus. The unaudited pro forma financial information does not purport to represent the results of operations or financial condition that would have been reported had the events assumed therein occurred on the dates indicated, nor does it purport to be indicative of results of operations that may be achieved in the future.

UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET December 31, 2005 (In millions)

	Historical		Adjustments		Pro Forma Consolidated	
Assets						
Current assets:						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	21.0	\$	(1.2)(a)	\$ 19.8	
Accounts receivable, net		155.9			155.9	
Inventories, net		150.4			150.4	
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		43.0			43.0	
Total current assets		370.3		(1.2)	369.1	
Property, Plant, and Equipment		726.0			726.0	
Less Accumulated Depreciation		(440.8)			(440.8)	
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Net Property, Plant, and Equipment		285.2			285.2	
Goodwill		74.7			74.7	
Investments in affiliated companies		14.3			14.3	
Deferred tax assets		107.8			107.8	
Other assets		28.3			28.3	
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Total assets	\$	880.6	\$	(1.2)	\$ 879.4	
Liabilities and Stockholders Equity (Deficit)						
Current liabilities:						
Notes payable and current maturities of capital lease obligations	\$	3.0	\$		\$ 3.0	
Accounts payable		94.5			94.5	
Accrued liabilities		98.3			98.3	
Total current liabilities		195.8			195.8	
Long-term notes payable and capital lease obligations		416.8			416.8	
Other non-current liabilities		57.3			57.3	
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Total liabilities		669.9			669.9	
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Stockholders' equity (deficit) Preferred stock, no par value, 20.0 shares authorized, no shares						
issued or outstanding						
Common stock, \$0.01 par value, 200.0 shares of stock authorized,						
and 94.1 shares of stock issued and outstanding		0.9			0.9	
Additional paid in capital		455.0			455.0	
Accumulated deficit		(222.5)		(1.2)(a)	(223.7)	
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)		(7.3)			(7.3)	
	_	226.1		(1.2)	224.9	
Less: Treasury stock, at cost, 1.5 shares		(15.4)		(1.2)	(15.4)	
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Total stockholders' equity (deficit)		210.7		(1.2)	209.5	
Total liabilities and stockholders equity (deficit)	\$	880.6	\$	(1.2)	\$ 879.4	

See accompanying Notes to Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet

Notes to Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet

Notes:

(a)

The Company expects to incur costs of \$1.2 million in connection with this offering, to be paid in cash by the Company.

UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS Year Ended December 31, 2005 (In millions)

	Historica	al	Refinancing Adjustments (a)(b)		ro Forma For efinancing	Conversion of Preferred Stock Adjustments (c)(d)			ro Forma onsolidated
Net Sales	\$ 1,10	61.4		\$	1,161.4			\$	1,161.4
Cost of Sales	90	07.2			907.2				907.2
Gross Margin	25	54.2			254.2				254.2
Selling, general and administrative									
expenses	10	06.6			106.6				106.6
Research and technology expenses	2	25.4			25.4				25.4
Business consolidation and									
restructuring expenses		2.9			2.9				2.9
Other expense, net		15.1			15.1				15.1
Operating income	10	04.2			104.2				104.2
Interest expense		33.9	(4.5)		29.4				29.4
Non-operating expense		40.9	(112)		40.9				40.9
Income before income taxes	2	29.4	4.5		33.9				33.9
Provision (benefit) for income taxes	(10	08.3)			(108.3)				(108.3)
Income before equity in earnings	13	37.7	4.5		142.2				142.2
Equity in earnings of affiliated companies		3.6			3.6	-			3.6
Net Income	1,	41.3	4.5		145.8				145.8
Deemed preferred dividends and	1	71.5	4.5		145.0				145.0
accretion	C	30.8)			(30.8)	1.	9		(23.2)
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Net Income available to common	Φ. 4.	105 #		ф	115.0	Φ	_	Ф	122.6
shareholders	\$ 11	10.5 \$	4.5	\$	115.0	\$ 7.	0	\$	122.6
Net Income per common share									
Basic		1.84 \$		\$	1.92	\$ (0.6			1.31
Diluted	\$	1.51 \$	0.05	\$	1.56	\$ (0.2	5)	\$	1.31
Weighted-average common shares outstanding									
Basic		60.0			60.0	33.	7		93.7
Diluted		93.7			93.7				93.7
See accompanying			Pro Forma Conde	ensed (Statement of Opera	tio	ns	

Notes to Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations

Refinancing Adjustments

During the first quarter of 2005, the Company completed the Refinancing. The net interest expense adjustment resulting from the Refinancing includes a decrease in interest expense attributable to (i) the redemption of \$285.3 million principal amount of 9.75% senior subordinated notes due 2009, (ii) the repurchase of \$125.0 million principal amount of 9.875% senior secured notes due 2008, and (iii) the redemption of \$19.2 million principal amount of 7% convertible subordinated debentures due 2011 offset by the increase in interest expense attributable to (i) the issuance of \$225.0 million aggregate principal amount of 6.75% senior subordinated notes due 2015, and (ii) borrowings of \$27.0 million under the revolving credit portion and \$225.0 million under the term loan portion of a new \$350.0 million senior secured credit facility. The net interest expense adjustment includes the interest expense impact related to the amortization of unamortized deferred financing costs and original issuance discounts, the impact of the cancellation of interest rate swap agreements related to \$100.0 million principal amount of the 9.75% senior subordinated notes due 2009, and the impact of

banking, commitment and other fees. Details of the net interest expense adjustment follow (in millions):

	E	the Year Ended ber 31, 2005
Decrease in interest expense attributable to the redemption of the 9.75% senior subordinated notes due 2 the repurchase of the 9.875% senior secured notes due 2008, and the redemption of the 7% convertible subordinated notes due 2011, including amortization of deferred financing costs and original issuance	009,	
discounts of \$0.5 million and banking, commitment and other fees of \$0.4 million.	\$	(8.7)
Increase in interest expense attributable to the issuance of the 6.75% senior subordinated notes due 2015 and borrowings under the new senior secured credit facility, including amortization of deferred financing costs of \$0.2 million and banking, commitment and other fees of \$0.3 million.	,	4.0
Elimination of interest expense benefit resulting from the cancellation of the interest rate swap agreemer related to the 9.75% senior subordinated notes due 2009	nt	0.2
Net interest expense adjustment	\$	(4.5)

In connection with the redemption of the 9.75% senior subordinated notes due 2009, the repurchase of the 9.875% senior secured notes due 2008, and the redemption of the 7% convertible subordinated notes due 2011, the Company recorded a loss on early retirement of debt of \$40.3 million, consisting of tender offer and call premiums on repurchase of \$25.2 million, the write-off of unamortized deferred financing costs and original issuance discounts of \$10.3 million, transaction costs in connection with the repurchase of \$1.2 million, and a loss of \$3.6 million related to the cancellation of interest rate swap agreements. The loss on early retirement of debt is included in the historical condensed consolidated statement of operations for the year ended December 31, 2005. The loss on early retirement of debt will not have a continuing impact on the Company.

Conversion of Preferred Stock Adjustments

Conversion Adjustments

On March 19, 2003, the Company issued 125,000 shares of Series A and 125,000 shares of Series B mandatorily redeemable convertible preferred stock. As a result of the issuance, the Company recorded a beneficial conversion feature of \$23.4 million, a discount of \$24.4 million and deferred issuance costs of \$5.2 million, all of which were being accreted over the term of the underlying preferred stock. On December 29, 2005 the Conversion took place. All of the Series B mandatorily redeemable convertible preferred stock had been previously converted into shares of common stock in transactions that occurred in December 2004 and August 2005.

Following guidance in Emerging Issues Task Force Issue No.00-27, "Application of Issue No.98-5 to Certain Convertible Instruments" ("EITF 00-27"), the Company recorded an "accelerated charge" of \$13.1 million immediately upon conversion of the 70,729 shares of Series A mandatorily redeemable convertible preferred stock into common stock for an amount equal to the remaining portion of the unaccreted beneficial conversion feature, discount and deferred issuance costs remaining from the March 19, 2003 preferred stock issuance. The accelerated charge is included in the historical condensed consolidated statement of operations for the year ended December 31, 2005. This charge will not have a continuing impact on the Company. The unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated statement of operations reflects an adjustment of \$5.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2005 for previously recorded deemed preferred dividends and accretion assuming the Conversion took place as of January 1, 2005. In addition, the Company expects to incur costs of \$1.2 million related to this offering, to be paid in cash by the Company, which have not been reflected in the unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated statement of operations as they are not expected to have a continuing impact on the Company. Pro forma net income per common share has been adjusted to reflect the additional weighted-average common shares outstanding as if the Conversion took place on January 1, 2005.

Equity Offering Adjustments

In August 2005, certain shareholders of the Company completed a secondary offering of 16.6 million shares of common stock. In connection with the Equity Offering, 30,355 shares of Series A and 47,125 shares of Series B mandatorily redeemable convertible preferred stock were converted into 13.2 million shares of common stock. Following guidance in EITF 00-27, the Company recorded an "accelerated charge" of \$10.1 million upon conversion of the mandatorily redeemable convertible preferred shares into common shares equal to a pro rata portion of the unaccreted beneficial conversion feature, discount and deferred issuance costs remaining from the March 19, 2003 preferred stock issuance. The accelerated charge is included in the historical condensed consolidated statement of operations for the year ended December 31, 2005. This charge will not have a continuing impact on the Company. The unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated statement of operations reflects an adjustment of \$1.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2005 for previously recorded deemed preferred dividends and accretion assuming the Equity Offering took place as of January 1, 2005. In addition, the Company incurred \$1.0 million of transaction costs related to the Equity Offering, which are included in selling, general and administrative expenses in the historical condensed consolidated statement of operations for the year ended December 31, 2005. These transaction costs will not have a continuing impact on the Company. Pro forma net income per common share has been adjusted to reflect the additional weighted-average common shares outstanding as if the Equity Offering took place on January 1, 2005.

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Exhibit 99.1 CAPITALIZATION

Exhibit 99.2