

MERIDIAN BIOSCIENCE INC  
Form 8-K  
September 09, 2005

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of The Securities Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported):

September 2, 2005

MERIDIAN BIOSCIENCE, INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its Charter)

Ohio

(State or Other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation)

0-14902

(Commission File Number)

31-0888197

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

3471 River Hills Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

45244

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

(513) 271-3700

(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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**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On August 15, 2005, Meridian Bioscience, Inc. (the Company) announced that its Board of Directors had approved a 3-for-2 stock split of the Company's outstanding shares of common stock (the Common Stock) effective September 2, 2005, for shareholders of record on August 29, 2005 (the Stock Split).

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The Company is undertaking to meet the requirements of Rule 416(b) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, regarding its Registration Statement No. 333-109139 (the "Registration Statement"). Under Rule 416(b), if additional securities are issued as a result of a stock split prior to the completion of the distribution of the securities covered by a registration statement, then the additional securities are covered by the registration statement, provided that the registration statement is amended. As discussed, the Company has effected the Stock Split. Pursuant to Rule 416(b), by virtue of this filing, the Registration Statement is deemed to cover the additional shares of common stock that may be sold as a result of the Stock Split.

In addition, the following tables present, adjusted to reflect the stock split, the Selected Financial Data from the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2004 and earnings per share information for the interim periods in fiscal 2005:

Selected Financial Data Annual Report on Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2004

Amounts in thousands, except for per share data

**Income Statement Information**

	<b>FY 2004</b>	<b>FY 2003</b>	<b>FY 2002</b>	<b>FY 2001</b>	<b>FY 2000</b>	<b>FY 1999</b>
Net sales	\$ 79,606	\$ 65,864	\$ 59,104	\$ 56,527	\$ 57,096	\$ 53,927
Gross profit	45,675	38,288	34,598	26,706	35,446	34,369
Operating income (loss)	14,658	12,789	9,994	(12,507)	9,354	6,527
Net earnings (loss)	9,185	7,018	5,031	(10,275)	7,111	2,073
Basic earnings (loss) per share	\$ 0.41	\$ 0.32	\$ 0.23	\$ (0.47)	\$ 0.33	\$ 0.10
Diluted earnings (loss) per share	\$ 0.40	\$ 0.31	\$ 0.23	\$ (0.47)	\$ 0.32	\$ 0.09
Cash dividends declared per share	\$ 0.26	\$ 0.23	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.17	\$ 0.15	\$ 0.13
Book value per share	\$ 1.47	\$ 1.24	\$ 1.11	\$ 1.05	\$ 1.67	\$ 1.55

**Balance Sheet Information**

	<b>30-Sep-04</b>	<b>30-Sep-03</b>	<b>30-Sep-02</b>	<b>30-Sep-01</b>	<b>30-Sep-00</b>	<b>30-Sep-99</b>
Current assets	\$ 36,111	\$ 32,561	\$ 30,375	\$ 32,502	\$ 40,798	\$ 31,744
Current liabilities	16,650	15,330	15,249	16,368	16,619	13,602
Total assets	69,322	66,420	65,095	65,982	84,717	72,161
Long-term debt obligations	17,093	21,505	23,626	24,349	27,159	22,187
Shareholders' equity	32,932	27,484	24,381	22,944	36,611	33,591

Earnings Per Share and Cash Dividends Per Share Information Interim Periods FY 2005

	<b>Three Months Ended</b>		<b>Six Months Ended</b>	
	<b>December 31, 2004</b>	<b>December 31, 2003</b>	<b>March 31, 2005</b>	<b>March 31, 2004</b>
Basic EPS	\$0.09	\$0.08	\$0.23	\$0.18
Diluted EPS	\$0.09	\$0.08	\$0.22	\$0.18
Cash Dividends	\$0.07	\$0.06	\$0.15	\$0.13

	<b>Three Months Ended</b>	<b>Nine Months Ended</b>
Basic EPS	\$0.14	\$0.18
Diluted EPS	\$0.13	\$0.18
Cash Dividends	\$0.08	\$0.13

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	<b>June 30, 2005</b>	<b>June 30, 2004</b>	<b>June 30, 2005</b>	<b>June 30, 2004</b>
Basic EPS	\$0.15	\$0.10	\$0.38	\$0.28
Diluted EPS	\$0.14	\$0.09	\$0.37	\$0.27
Cash Dividends	\$0.08	\$0.07	\$0.23	\$0.19

**SIGNATURES**

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

**MERIDIAN BIOSCIENCE, INC.**

BY: /s/ Melissa Lueke

Date: September 9, 2005

Melissa Lueke  
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer  
(Principal Accounting Officer)