

**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 Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **February 15, 2006**

**Hercules Incorporated**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

**001-00496**  
(Commission File Number)

**51-0023450**  
(IRS Employer Identification  
Number)

**Hercules Plaza**  
**1313 North Market Street**  
**Wilmington, Delaware 19894-0001**  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

**(302) 594-5000**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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:

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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 Department of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.**

Hercules' class of directors whose term expire in 2006 includes Patrick Duff. In connection with consideration of directors to be nominated for election at the 2006 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, on February 15, 2006, Mr. Duff informed Hercules' Corporate Governance, Nominating & Ethics Committee and the Board of Directors that given his other activities, he is uncertain that he would be able to complete a three-year term if re-elected. Therefore, Mr. Duff has decided to complete the remainder of his current term and has asked not to be considered for re-election. He noted that he has no disagreements with Hercules' Board or Management or the strategic goals and directions of Hercules. As a result of Mr. Duff's not standing for re-election, the Board has acted to decrease its size to nine members effective upon Mr. Duff's retirement at the 2006 Annual Meeting.

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**SIGNATURE**

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.

February 17, 2006

By: **HERCULES INCORPORATED**

/s/ Allen A. Spizzo

Allen A. Spizzo

Vice President and Chief Financial Officer