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): January 17, 2006

NORTHWEST PIPE COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

OREGON (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 0-27140 (Commission File Number) 93-0557988 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

200 SW Market, Suite 1800

Portland, Oregon 97201

(503) 946-1200

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including

area code, of registrant s principal executive offices)

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Item 2.02. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

On January 17, 2006, Northwest Pipe Company (the Company) issued a press release announcing a new order, and also announcing its expectations as to financial results for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2005. The press release contains forward-looking statements regarding the Company, and includes cautionary statements identifying important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those anticipated.

The press release issued January 17, 2006 is furnished herewith as Exhibit No. 99.1 to this Report, and shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Exchange Act.

Item 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

- (c) Exhibits.
 - 99.1 Press Release issued by Northwest Pipe Company dated January 17, 2006

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SIGNATURE

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 thereunto duly authorized on January 17, 2006.

NORTHWEST PIPE COMPANY

(Registrant)

By /s/ Brian W. Dunham Brian W. Dunham, President