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) March 22, 2006 (March 21, 2006)

OWENS & MINOR, INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in charter)

Virginia (State or other jurisdiction

1-9810 (Commission file number)

54-1701843 (IRS employer

of incorporation)

identification no.)

9120 Lockwood Blvd., Mechanicsville, Virginia (Address of principal executive offices)

23116 (Zip code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code (804) 723-7000

Not applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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- " 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.

On March 21, 2006, Owens & Minor, Inc. (the Company) issued a press release attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto, which is incorporated herein by reference, reporting the commencement by the Company of a tender offer to purchase for cash any and all of its outstanding \$200 million aggregate principal amount of $8^{1}/2\%$ Senior Subordinated Notes due 2011 (the Notes). The Company is also soliciting consents of at least a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes to certain proposed amendments to the indenture governing the Notes. The proposed amendments would eliminate substantially all of the covenants in the indenture and certain events of default.

Section 9 Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01. Financial Statement and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release issued by the Company on March 21, 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 hereunto duly authorized.

Date: March 22, 2006

OWENS & MINOR, INC.

By: /s/ Grace R. den Hartog Grace R. den Hartog Senior Vice President, General Counsel & Corporate Secretary

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