DENTSPLY INTERNATIONAL INC /DE/
Form 8-K
February 11, 2010
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 February 10, 2010

(Date of earliest event reported)

Commission File Number 0-16211

DENTSPLY INTERNATIONAL INC

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State of Incorporation)	39-1434669 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

221 West Philadelphia Street,

York, Pennsylvania	17405-0872
(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(717) 845-7511

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))

Item 2.02. - Results of Operations and Financial Condition

The following information is furnished pursuant to Item 2.02, "Results of Operations and Financial Condition."

On February 10, 2010, the Company issued a press release disclosing its fourth quarter and full year 2009 net sales and earnings. This earnings release references net sales, excluding precious metal content, and net income attributable to DENTSPLY International, excluding certain items, both of which could be considered measures not calculated in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (non-GAAP measures). Due to the fluctuations of precious metal prices and because the precious metal content of the Company's sales is largely a pass-through to customers and has minimal effect on earnings, the Company reports net sales both including and excluding precious metal content to show the Company's performance independent of precious metal price volatility and to enhance comparability of performance between periods. Earnings from operations, excluding certain items, is presented to enhance the comparability between periods. A copy of the Company's press release is attached hereto as Exhibit (99.1) and is hereby incorporated by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(a) Financial Statements - Not applicable.

(b) Exhibits:

99.1 The Dentsply International Inc. Fourth Quarter 2009 earnings release issued February 10, 2010 as referenced in Item 2.02.

SIGNATURE

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

DENTSPLY INTERNATIONAL INC

(Company)

/s/ William R. Jellison

William R. Jellison

Senior Vice President and

Chief Financial Officer

Date: February 10, 2010