

MERIT MEDICAL SYSTEMS INC
Form 8-K
March 30, 2006

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 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 30, 2006**

Merit Medical Systems, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Utah

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

0-18592

(Commission
File Number)

87-0447695

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

1600 West Merit Parkway
South Jordan, Utah

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

84095

(Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code:
(801) 253-1600

N/A

(Former name, former address, and formal fiscal year, if changed since last report)

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 - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On March 30, 2006, Merit Medical Systems, Inc. (the Company) issued a press release entitled Merit Medical Gives 2006 Earnings Guidance. The full text of the press release is provided herewith as Exhibit 99.1.

The information in Item 2.02 of this Report (including exhibit 99.1) shall not be deemed to be filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing made by the Company under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release dated March 30, 2006

Forward-Looking Statements

Statements contained in this report which are not purely historical are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Act of 1995 and are subject to risks and uncertainties such as those described in Merit's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005. Such risks and uncertainties include market acceptance of new products, introduction of products in a timely fashion, product recalls, delays in obtaining regulatory approvals, or the failure to maintain such approvals, cost increases, fluctuations in and obsolescence of inventory, price and product competition, availability of labor and materials, development of new products and technology that could render our products obsolete, product liability claims, modification or limitation of governmental or private insurance reimbursement, infringement of our technology or the assertion that our technology infringes the rights of other parties, foreign currency fluctuations, challenges associated with the Company's growth strategy, changes in health care markets related to health care reform initiatives, litigation and other factors referred to in the Company's 10-K and other reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. All subsequent forward-looking statements attributable to the Company or persons acting on its behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by these cautionary statements. Actual results may differ materially from anticipated results. Financial estimates are subject to change and are not intended to be relied upon as predictions of future operating results, and Merit assumes no obligation to update or disclose revisions to those estimates.

SIGNATURES

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

Merit Medical Systems, Inc.

Dated: March 30, 2006

By

/s/ Kent W. Stanger

Kent W. Stanger

Chief Financial Officer, Secretary and Treasurer

EXHIBIT INDEX

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