

HARMAN INTERNATIONAL INDUSTRIES INC /DE/  
Form 8-K  
January 30, 2006

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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**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 29, 2006

**HARMAN INTERNATIONAL INDUSTRIES, INCORPORATED**  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**001-09764**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**11-2534306**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**1101 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 1010**  
**Washington, D.C. 20004**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(202) 393-1101**

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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 (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors;  
Appointment of Principal Officers.**

On January 29, 2006, Bernard A. Girod and the Board of Directors of Harman International Industries, Incorporated (the "Company") agreed that Mr. Girod will retire as Vice Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Company on December 31, 2006. Mr. Girod will continue as a member of the Board.

As previously announced, Harman's Board of Directors is conducting a search for a successor to Mr. Girod as Chief Executive Officer and it expects that process to be completed in the coming months. Mr. Girod will continue as Chief Executive Officer until his successor is identified and an orderly transition is completed.

**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.

HARMAN INTERNATIONAL INDUSTRIES,  
INCORPORATED

By:           /s/ Sandra B. Robinson            
Sandra B. Robinson  
Vice President - Financial Operations

Date: January 30, 2006