ELECTRO SCIENTIFIC INDUSTRIES INC

Form 8-K

September 26, 2006

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): September 21, 2006

ELECTRO SCIENTIFIC INDUSTRIES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

OREGON (State or other jurisdiction

0-12853 (Commission 93-0370304 (IRS Employer

of incorporation)

File Number)

Identification No.)

13900 NW Science Park Drive, Portland, Oregon

97229

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (503) 641-4141

No Change

(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))

Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

On September 21, 2006, the Company entered into Change of Control Agreements with each of Thomas Wu, Robert DeBakker and John Metcalf. The agreements provided that if either the executive is terminated without cause by the Company or terminates his own employment for good reason within 24 months following a change in control of the Company, the executive will be entitled to receive one year s salary and, if the termination does not occur in the same year as the change in control, an amount equal to the executive s target bonus under the Company s annual cash bonus plan for the year in which termination occurs. The executive and his dependents will also be entitled to receive medical and dental insurance benefits for 12 months following termination. In addition, upon a change of control, the executive shall be entitled to his full, unreduced payout under the Company s annual cash bonus plan calculated at the greater of target or performance through the date of the change in control. The form of Change in Control Agreement is filed as Exhibit 10.1 hereto.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (d) Exhibits
- 10.1 Form of Change of Control Agreement

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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: September 25, 2006.

Electro Scientific Industries, Inc.

By: /s/ Nicholas Konidaris Name: Nicholas Konidaris

Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

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Exhibit

DescriptionForm of Change of Control Agreement 10.1

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