

FORTUNE BRANDS INC  
Form 8-K  
May 05, 2006

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, DC 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): May 5, 2006 (April 25, 2006)**

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**Fortune Brands, Inc.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction

of Incorporation)

**1-9076**  
(Commission File Number)

**13-3295276**  
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

**520 Lake Cook Road**

**Deerfield, IL 60015**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

**847-484-4400**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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  - “ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE REPORT**

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

(b) Mr. Hays retired from the Board of Directors of Fortune Brands, Inc. immediately following the Annual Meeting of Stockholders held on April 25, 2006 due to the Company's retirement age policy.

**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.

FORTUNE BRANDS, INC.

(Registrant)

By /s/ Mark A. Roche

Name: Mark A. Roche

Title: Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

Date: May 5, 2006