GILDAN ACTIVEWEAR INC Form 6-K May 17, 2006

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

Form 6-K

Report of Foreign Private Issuer Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of: May 2006 Commission File Number: 1-14830

GILDAN ACTIVEWEAR INC.

(Translation of Registrant's name into English)

725 Montée de Liesse Ville Saint-Laurent, Québec Canada H4T 1P5

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

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SIGNATURES

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, thereunto duly authorized.

GILDAN ACTIVEWEAR INC.

Date: May 17, 2006 By: /s/ Lindsay Matthews

Name: Lindsay Matthews

Title: Director, Legal Services and

Corporate Secretary

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Description of Exhibit

99.1 Gildan Activewear Quarterly Report to Shareholders Second Quarter Ended April 2, 2006.