

SM&A
Form 8-K
May 23, 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):

May 18, 2006

SM&A

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

California

0-23585

33-0080929

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

(Commission
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

4695 MacArthur Court, 8th Floor, Newport
Beach, California

92660

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(949) 975-1550

Not Applicable

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))

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Item 4.01 Changes in Registrant's Certifying Accountant.

On May 18, 2006, SM&A (the "Company"), by vote of its Audit Committee, accepted the resignation of Ernst & Young LLP ("EY"), who had been the independent registered public accounting firm of the Company.

The audit reports of EY on the consolidated financial statements for the Company as of and for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2005 did not contain an adverse opinion or a disclaimer of opinion, or were qualified or modified as to uncertainty, audit scope, or accounting principles. As noted below, these financial statements were restated in an Amendment No.1 to Form 10-K/A on May 15, 2006.

During the audits of the Company's financial statements for the two years ended December 31, 2004 and 2005 and in connection with EY's review of the subsequent interim period through May 18, 2006, there have been no disagreements with EY on any matter of accounting principles or practices, financial statement disclosure, or auditing scope or procedure, which disagreements, if not resolved to the satisfaction of EY, would have caused it to make reference to the subject matter of the disagreement in connection with its report, except for the following:

- In March 2006, the Company received a comment letter from the Securities and Exchange Commission staff in connection with the staff's review of the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005 that, among other things, asked the Company to explain the accounting for certain share repurchase transactions. Following receipt of the comment letter, the Company's management, the Chairman of the Company's Audit Committee of its Board of Directors, and EY had numerous and lengthy discussions, and disagreed regarding possible errors in accounting for transactions that occurred in 2004 and 2005. The Company believed that these share repurchases were not compensatory and EY supported a contrary opinion. At no time did EY assert that the Company failed to provide its auditors all relevant facts with respect to the transactions during the completion of the audits for fiscal years 2004 and 2005. Rather, the Company's management and the Chairman of the Audit Committee, after a detailed review of applicable literature and consultation with third party advisors, supported the Company's original judgment on the accounting treatment and submitted a formal response to the SEC staff affirming the original treatment. EY asserted the judgment was incorrect. Ultimately, the SEC staff orally stated to the Company that the staff believed that the transactions were compensatory and requested that the Company restate its financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2005, and to review and consider whether the Company should restate its financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2004. Subsequently, the Company revised its response to the SEC staff comment letter to indicate the Company had changed its views on the accounting treatment for the transactions, and the Company restated its consolidated financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004 in Amendment No.1 to Form 10-K/A filed on May 15, 2006. EY issued an opinion with respect to the restated financial statements without qualification as stated above.

The Company has authorized EY to respond fully to the inquiries of the Company's subsequent accountant concerning the subject matter of the disagreement referenced above.

In the registrant's two most recent fiscal years and in the subsequent interim period through May 18, 2006, there were no reportable events, as defined in Item 304(a)(1)(v) of Regulation S-K, except as follows:

- EY advised the Company that the internal controls necessary to develop reliable financial statements did not exist as of December 31, 2005, because of a material weakness consisting of inadequate levels of review of complex accounting issues, resulting in a restatement of historical financial statements to record additional stock compensation charges.

The Company has requested EY to furnish it a letter addressed to the Commission stating whether it agrees with the above statement. A copy of that letter, dated May 23, 2006, is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

99.1 Ernst & Young LLP, Letter dated May 23, 2006.

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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 hereunto duly authorized.

SM&A

May 23, 2006

By: /s/ Steve D. Handy

Name: Steve D. Handy

Title: SVP, CFO & Secretary

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<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Ernst & Young LLP, Letter dated May 23, 2006