

DONALDSON CO INC  
Form 8-K  
January 18, 2006

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 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: January 11, 2006**  
(Date of earliest event reported)

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**DONALDSON COMPANY, INC.**  
(DONALDSON COMPANY, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK  
OWNERSHIP AND RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN)  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Commission File Number: 1-7891

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

**41-0222640**  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**1400 West 94th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55431**  
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

**(952) 887-3131**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**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.

- (a) On January 11, 2006, the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors of Donaldson Company, Inc. (the Company) approved the dismissal of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (PwC) as the independent registered public accounting firm for the Donaldson Company, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership and Retirement Savings Plan (the Plan), effective immediately.

The reports of PwC on the financial statements of the Plan for the years ended December 31, 2003 and December 31, 2004 contained no adverse opinion or disclaimer of opinion and were not qualified or modified as to uncertainty, audit scope or accounting principle.

During the years ended December 31, 2003 and December 31, 2004, and through January 11, 2006, the Plan had no disagreements with PwC 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 PwC, would have caused PwC to make reference thereto in its reports on the financial statements of the Plan for such years.

During the years ended December 31, 2003 and December 31, 2004, and through January 11, 2006, the Plan had no reportable events as that term is defined in Item 304(a)(1)(v) of Regulation S-K.

The Plan provided PwC with a copy of the above disclosures and requested that PwC furnish the Plan with a letter addressed to the Securities and Exchange Commission stating whether or not it agrees with the above statements. A copy of such letter, dated January 12, 2006, is attached as Exhibit 16 to this Form 8-K.

PwC will continue as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm.

- (b) On January 11, 2006, the Audit Committee approved the appointment of Virchow, Krause & Company, LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm for the Plan for the year ended December 31, 2005. The Plan had no occasions during the years ended December 31, 2003 and December 31, 2004, and through January 11, 2006, upon which it has consulted with Virchow, Krause & Company, LLP on any matters.

### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (d) Exhibits.

The following exhibit is being filed with this Form 8-K:

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- 16 Letter, dated January 12, 2006, from PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP to the Securities and Exchange Commission regarding statements included in this Form 8-K.

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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.

DONALDSON COMPANY, INC.

By: /s/ Norman C. Linnell

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Norman C. Linnell  
Vice President, General Counsel and  
Secretary

Date: January 18, 2006

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

| <b><u>Exhibit No.</u></b> | <b><u>Description</u></b>   |
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