

CABOT MICROELECTRONICS CORP  
Form 8-K  
December 16, 2005

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**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):  
December 15, 2005

**Cabot Microelectronics Corporation**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	000-30205 (Commission File Number)	36-4324765 (IRS Employer Identification)
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870 Commons Drive, Aurora, Illinois (Address of principal executive offices)	60504 (Zip Code)
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(630) 375-6631  
(Registrant's telephone number,  
including area code)

Not applicable  
(Former name or former  
address, if changed since last  
report)

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Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On December 15, 2005, the Board of Directors (the "Board") of Cabot Microelectronics Corporation (the "Corporation") and the Compensation Committee of the Board approved the performance goals for the Corporation upon which cash bonus awards that may be paid to the Corporation's executive officers and other employees under the Corporation's Annual Incentive Program ("AIP") for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006 ("Fiscal 2006") are intended to be based. The performance goals for Fiscal 2006 are: financial goals that include earnings per share, gross margin as a percentage of revenue, and various growth objectives; certain productivity, quality and customer satisfaction goals; research and development goals that include development and advancement of certain products and applications; and, certain new business initiative goals. Any cash bonus award amounts pursuant to the AIP will be determined for each participant based on levels of attainment of the indicated goals, as well as the attainment of individual performance objectives, as assessed by the Compensation Committee of the Board using its discretion.

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.

CABOT MICROELECTRONICS CORPORATION

Date: December 16, 2005

By:

/s/ WILLIAM S. JOHNSON

William S. Johnson

Vice President and Chief Financial

Officer

[Principal Financial Officer]