FRIENDLY ICE CREAM CORP Form 8-K September 09, 2005

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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) September 2, 2005 _____

FRIENDLY ICE CREAM CORPORATION _____

(Exact Name Of Registrant As Specified In Its Charter)

MASSACHUSETTS

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

001-13579

04-2053130

(Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

01095

(Zip Code)

1855 Boston Road, Wilbraham, MA _____

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(413) 543-2400

_____ (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

Effective September 2, 2005, Friendly Ice Cream Corporation (the "Company") and Lawrence A. Rusinko, the Company's former Senior Vice President of Marketing, amended the separation agreement entered into between the Company and Mr. Rusinko effective on May 31, 2005. The amendment changes the dates on which a portion of the severance payments from the Company to Mr. Rusinko will be made to ensure that such payments will not be treated as nonqualified deferred compensation subject to Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code. A copy of the Amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit 10.16.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit Number Exhibit Description 10.16 Amendment to Memorandum of Agreement dated as of September 2, 2005

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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, thereunto duly authorized.

Dated: September 9, 2005

FRIENDLY ICE CREAM CORPORATION

By: /s/ PAUL V. HOAGLAND

Name: Paul V. Hoagland Title: Executive Vice President of Administration and Chief Financial Officer

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