HOME DEPOT INC Form 8-K January 10, 2006

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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): January 10, 2006

THE HOME DEPOT, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 1-8207 95-3261426

(State or other jurisdiction of Incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

2455 Paces Ferry Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30339

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code) (770) 433-8211

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)
Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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- "Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
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ITEM 7.01. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE.

On January 10, 2006, The Home Depot, Inc. issued a press release, attached as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference, announcing the signing of a definitive merger agreement for the acquisition of Hughes Supply, Inc.

The information contained in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including the exhibit attached hereto, is being furnished and shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of Section 18. Furthermore, the information contained in this report shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document filed pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

Exhibit No. Description of Exhibit 99.1 Press Release of The Home Depot, Inc. dated January 10, 2006.

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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.

THE HOME DEPOT, INC. (Registrant)

Date: January 10, 2006 By: /s/ Frank L. Fernandez

Name: Frank L. Fernandez

Title: Executive Vice President, Secretary

and General Counsel

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