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Form 8-K  
February 28, 2006

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): FEBRUARY 27, 2006  
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COLUMBUS MCKINNON CORPORATION  
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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

NEW YORK  
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(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

0-27618  
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(Commission File Number)

16-0547600  
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(IRS Employer Identification No.)

140 JOHN JAMES AUDUBON PARKWAY, AMHERST, NEW YORK  
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(Address of principal executive offices)

14228-1197  
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(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number including area code: (716) 689-5400  
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(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange  
Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 8.01 OTHER EVENTS.

On February 24, 2006, Joseph J. Owen, a Vice President of Columbus McKinnon Corporation (the "Company"), adopted a pre-arranged trading plan (the "Plan") designed to comply with Rule 10b5-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the Company's policies regarding stock transactions. Under Rule 10b5-1, directors, officers and other persons who are not in possession of material non-public information may adopt a pre-arranged plan or contract for the sale of Company securities under specified conditions and at specified times. As sales are executed in the future under these Plans, they will be reported in accordance with federal securities laws. Using these Plans, insiders can gradually diversify their investment portfolios, spread stock trades out over an extended period of time to reduce market impact and avoid concerns about transactions occurring at a time when they might possess inside information.

Mr. Owen has informed the Company that these stock sales are part of his individual program for asset diversification. The Plan adopted by Mr. Owen provides for the sale of up to a total of 19,500 shares over a period of ten months beginning February 28, 2006. These shares will be acquired through the exercise of stock options. Shares will be sold under the Plan on the open market at prevailing market prices, subject to minimum price thresholds.

The Company does not undertake to report Rule 10b5-1 plans that may be adopted by any officers or directors of the Company in the future, or to report any modifications or termination of any publicly announced plan or to report any plan adopted by an employee who is not an executive officer, except to the extent required by law.

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.

COLUMBUS MCKINNON CORPORATION  
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By: /S/ TIMOTHY R. HARVEY  
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Name: Timothy R. Harvey  
Title: General Counsel and Secretary

Dated: FEBRUARY 27, 2006

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