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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 6, 2006

MATRIA HEALTHCARE, INC. (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

0-20619

20-2091331

_____ (Commission File Number) _____ (IRS Employer Identification No.)

1850 Parkway Place, Marietta, GA _____

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

30067

770-767-4500

(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))

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On January 6, 2006 the Registrant issued a press release announcing its

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outlook for fiscal 2006. A copy of the press release announcing the Company's outlook for fiscal 2006 is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

The attached press release includes a presentation of forecasted 2006 earnings from continuing operations and diluted earnings (loss) per share from continuing operations, excluding certain unusual items, for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2006. Such measures are not measures of financial performance under GAAP and should not be considered as alternatives to earnings from continuing operations and diluted earnings (loss) per share from continuing operations, as computed under GAAP for the applicable periods. The Company considers earnings from continuing operations and diluted earnings (loss) per share from continuing operations, to be the most comparable GAAP measures and the Company has presented reconciling information in the press release.

The non-GAAP measures described above exclude share-based compensation. Management uses earnings measures adjusted to exclude such items as part of its evaluation of the performance of the Company. The Company believes that these measures provide useful information to investors because the items that are excluded relate to unusual events that resulted in a significant impact and are not likely to recur regularly or in predictable amounts and, consequently, presenting net earnings and earnings per share, excluding such unusual items, is meaningful supplemental information for investors.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

The following exhibit is furnished herewith: 99.1 Press release, dated January 6, 2006.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 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.

Matria Healthcare, Inc.

By: /s/ Parker H. Petit

Parker H. Petit Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Dated: January 6, 2006

EXHIBIT INDEX

EXHIBIT	
NUMBER	DESCRIPTION OF EXHIBITS