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April 27, 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): APRIL 27, 2006

OIL STATES INTERNATIONAL, INC.
(EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER)

DELAWARE (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	1-16337 (Commission File Number)	76-0476605 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
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THREE ALLEN CENTER
333 CLAY STREET, SUITE 4620
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77002
(Address and zip code of principal
executive offices)

REGISTRANT'S TELEPHONE NUMBER, INCLUDING AREA CODE: (713) 652-0582

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Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

OTHER EVENTS ITEM 8.01 - Today the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission"), pursuant to a settlement agreement with Oil States International, Inc. ("the Company"), issued an order (the "Order") requiring the Company to cease and desist from committing or causing violations of the "books and records" and "internal controls provisions" of the securities laws (Sections 13(B)(2)(A) and 13(b)(2)(B) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934). The settlement does not require the Company to pay a monetary penalty. The Commission's Order relates to certain unauthorized payments, previously disclosed by the Company in its annual and quarterly reports with the Commission, made by a former subsidiary of the Company, Hydraulic Well Control LLC ("HWC"), to a consultant, a portion of which was paid to employees of a government-owned oil company in South America. The payments were detected by the Company during routine financial review procedures. The conduct at issue, which violated company policies, was promptly investigated, remedied and reported by the Company. The Commission's Order states in part:

An internal investigation conducted by Oil States uncovered no evidence that HWC or Oil States employees in the United States were aware of or sanctioned the improper payments. Upon completion of the internal investigation, Oil States terminated its relationship with the Consultant and disciplined the employees responsible for the misconduct (including dismissing two HWC ... employees). Oil States also corrected its books and records, strengthened its regulatory compliance program, and reimbursed [the Company's customer] for the improper charges. Oil States also voluntarily provided the report of investigation to the Commission and the Department of Justice, and disclosed the scheme in its public filings. It then cooperated fully with the investigation conducted by the Commission staff.

The Company consented to the entry of the Order without admitting or denying the findings in the Order.

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.

Dated: April 27, 2006

OIL STATES INTERNATIONAL, INC.

By: /s/ Cindy B. Taylor

Name: Cindy B. Taylor
Title: Senior Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer