

CATERPILLAR INC
Form 8-K
June 14, 2006

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): **June 14, 2006**

CATERPILLAR INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-768
(Commission File Number)

37-0602744
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

100 NE Adams Street, Peoria, Illinois
(Address of principal executive offices)

61629
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(309) 675-1000**

Former name or former address, if changed since last report: **N/A**

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Caterpillar Raises Dividend Rate 20 Percent

PEORIA, Ill. - The Board of Directors of Caterpillar Inc. (NYSE: CAT) today voted to increase the quarterly cash dividend by five cents to thirty cents (\$0.30) per share of common stock, payable August 19, 2006, to stockholders of record at the close of business on July 20, 2006. The \$0.30 dividend is an increase of 20 percent over the previous rate of \$0.25 per share.

“Caterpillar expects 2006 to be its third consecutive year of record results, and today’s announcement reflects the Board of Directors’ confidence in Caterpillar’s long-term outlook,” said Caterpillar Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Jim Owens. “Our 6 Sigma process focus is enabling us to leverage our strong leadership position and grow our businesses while creating even greater operating cash flow. We’re pleased to be able to reward our stockholders with another significant increase. Our future is bright, and all Caterpillar employees are focused on delivering even better results over the next few years.”

Including the announcement today, Caterpillar’s cash dividend has tripled since 1996.

For more than 80 years, Caterpillar Inc. has been making progress possible and driving positive and sustainable change on every continent. With 2005 sales and revenues of \$36.339 billion, Caterpillar is the world’s leading manufacturer of construction and mining equipment, diesel and natural gas engines and industrial gas turbines. More information is available at <http://www.CAT.com/>

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filed on Form 8-K with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 3, 2006. We do not undertake to update our forward-looking statements.

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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 thereunto duly authorized.

CATERPILLAR INC.

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By:

/s/James B. Buda

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Vice President

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