AVERY DENNISON CORPORATION Form 8-K July 25, 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

July 25, 2006

Date of Report

AVERY DENNISON CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 1 -7685 95-1492269

(State or other jurisdiction (Commission (IRS Employer of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

150 North Orange Grove Boulevard Pasadena, California

91103

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code (626) 304-2000

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

Section 2 Financial Information

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

Avery Dennison Corporation s news release dated July 25, 2006, regarding its preliminary, unaudited financial results for the second quarter of 2006, is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1. This information is being furnished (not filed) under this Form 8-K. Additionally, the Company will discuss its preliminary financial results during a webcast and teleconference call today at 2:00 p.m. (EDT). To access the webcast and teleconference call, please go to the Company s Web site at http://www.investors.averydennison.com.

Avery Dennison Corporation s presentation dated July 25, 2006, regarding its preliminary financial review and analysis for the second quarter of 2006, is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2. This information is being furnished (not filed) under this Form 8-K. Additionally, this information is available on the Company s Web site at http://www.investors.averydennison.com.

Section 9 Financial Statements and Exhibits Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

99.1 On July 25, 2006, Avery Dennison Corporation issued a news release announcing its preliminary, unaudited financial results for the second quarter ending July 1, 2006, along with earnings guidance for the 2006 fiscal year. 99.2 On July 25, 2006, Avery Dennison Corporation provided a presentation regarding its preliminary financial review and analysis for the second quarter of 2006.

SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

Safe Harbor Statement under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995: Certain statements contained in this report on Form 8-K and Exhibit 99.1 and Exhibit 99.2 are forward-looking statements intended to qualify for the safe harbor from liability established by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such forward-looking statements and financial or other business targets are subject to certain risks and uncertainties. Actual results and trends may differ materially from historical or expected results depending on a variety of factors, including but not limited to fluctuations in cost and availability of raw materials; ability of the Company to achieve and sustain targeted cost reductions; foreign currency exchange rates; worldwide and local economic conditions; impact of competitive products and pricing; selling prices; impact of legal proceedings, including the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) criminal investigation, as well as the European Commission (EC), Canadian Department of Justice, and Australian Competition and Consumer Commission investigations, into industry competitive practices and any related proceedings or lawsuits pertaining to these investigations or to the subject matter thereof (including purported class actions seeking treble damages for alleged unlawful competitive practices, and purported class actions related to alleged disclosure and fiduciary duty violations pertaining to alleged unlawful competitive practices, which were filed after the announcement of the DOJ investigation, as well as a likely fine by the EC in respect of certain employee misconduct in Europe); impact of potential violations of the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act based on issues in China; impact of epidemiological events on the economy and the Company s customers and suppliers; successful integration of acquisitions; financial condition and inventory strategies of customers; timely development and market acceptance of new products; fluctuations in demand affecting sales to customers; and other matters referred to in the Company s SEC filings.

The Company believes that the most significant risk factors that could affect its ability to achieve its stated financial expectations in the near-term include (1) potential adverse developments in legal proceedings and/or investigations regarding competitive activities, including possible fines, penalties, judgments or settlements; (2) the impact of economic conditions on underlying demand for the Company s products; (3) the impact of competitors actions, including expansion

in key markets, product offerings and pricing; (4) the degree to which higher raw material and energy-related costs can be passed on to customers through selling price increases (and previously implemented selling price increases can be sustained), without a significant loss of volume; and (5) the ability of the Company to achieve and sustain targeted cost reductions.

For a more detailed discussion of these and other factors, see Part I, Item 1A. Risk Factors and Part II, Item 7. Management s Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations and Financial Condition in the Company s Form 10-K, filed on March 15, 2006. The forward-looking statements included in this Form 8-K are made only as of the date of this Form 8-K, and the Company undertakes no obligation to update the forward-looking statements to reflect subsequent events or circumstances.

The financial information presented in the news release, included as an Exhibit to this Current Report, represents preliminary, unaudited financial results.

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.

AVERY DENNISON CORPORATION

Date: July 25, 2006 By: /s/ Daniel R. O Bryant

Name: Daniel R. O Bryant

Title: Executive Vice President, Finance

and Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT LIST

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 News release dated July 25, 2006.

99.2 Presentation dated July 25, 2006.