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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): May 2, 2006

Hardinge Inc.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

New York
or other jurisdiction of

000-15760

16-0470200

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

Commission file number

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

One Hardinge Drive Elmira, NY 14902

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

(607) 734-2281

(Registrant s telephone number including area code)

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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Section 2 Financial Information

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Conditions

On May 8, 2006 Hardinge Inc. issued a press release announcing the Company s first quarter 2006 results. The press release also announced that on May 2, 2006, the Board of Directors declared a cash dividend of \$0.03 per share on the Company s common stock. This dividend is payable June 9, 2006 to stockholders of record as of June 1, 2006. A copy of the press release is included as Exhibit 99 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

Section 9 Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

99 Press release issued by registrant on May 8, 2006.

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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, thereunto duly authorized.

Hardinge Inc.

May 8 2006

Date

By: /s/ J. Patrick Ervin

J. Patrick Ervin

Chairman, President & Chief Executive Officer

May 8, 2006

Date

By: /s/ Charles R. Trego, Jr.

Charles R. Trego, Jr.

Senior Vice President and Chief Financial

Officer

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