

SMART & FINAL INC/DE
Form 8-K
February 17, 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)

February 16, 2006

SMART & FINAL INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State of Incorporation)

001-10811
(Commission File Number)

95-4079584
(I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)

600 Citadel Drive

City of Commerce, California
(Address of principal executive offices)

(323) 869-7500

90040
(Zip Code)

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On September 14, 2005, the Company announced that it had reached an agreement in principle to settle a class action lawsuit involving wage and hour claims by its non-exempt employees in its California stores. The Company and the individual class member representatives in the *Olivas vs. Smart & Final* lawsuit have entered into a written settlement agreement as of November 1, 2005 resolving this matter. The court granted preliminary approval of the settlement on November 4, 2005 and set a date for a fairness hearing and final court approval of the settlement on February 16, 2006.

On February 16, 2006 the court granted final approval of the settlement. Based on the terms of the settlement agreement, the company currently anticipates that cash distributions to the claimants will be made in March 2006.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly authorized this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

SMART & FINAL INC.

Date: February 17, 2006

By: /s/ Richard N. Phegley
Richard N. Phegley

Senior Vice President and

Chief Financial Officer