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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 7, 2002

Commission file number: 000-15760

HARDINGE INC. (Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

New York 16-0470200
----(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) 16-0470200
-----Identification No.)

(607) 734-2281 (Registrant's telephone number including area code)

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS

On May 9, 2002, Hardinge Inc. issued a press release announcing a

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dividend and also a new dividend policy. 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.

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

- Not applicable (a)
- (b) Not applicable
- Exhibits (C)
 - Press Release issued by registrant on May 9, 2002.

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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 13, 2002

Date

By: /s/ Richard L. Simons -----

Richard L. Simons Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

(Principal Financial Officer)