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May 19, 2005

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

MAY 15, 2005
DATE OF REPORT
(Date of earliest event reported)

SMITH INTERNATIONAL, INC.
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE	1-8514	95-3822631
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

411 N. SAM HOUSTON PARKWAY, SUITE 600
HOUSTON, TEXAS
(Address of principal executive offices)

77060
(Zip Code)

(281) 443-3370
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

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ITEM 1.01 ENTRY INTO A MATERIAL DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT

Effective May 15, 2005, Mr. Michael Pearce, President of Smith Technologies, a business unit of Smith International, Inc. (the "Company"), entered into a Change-of-Control Employment Agreement with the Company. A copy of the agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit 10.1.

The Change-of-Control Employment Agreement (the "Agreement") provides for the continued employment of Mr. Pearce for a period of three years if terminated following a "change of control" of the Company as defined in the Agreement. If following a change of control Mr. Pearce is terminated by the Company (other than for cause, death or disability) or if he elects to terminate his employment for "good reason" (as defined in the Agreement), he is entitled to receive a lump sum payment in cash equal to the aggregate of the following amounts: (i) current annual base salary and prorata bonus through the date of termination; (ii) any compensation previously deferred by him and any accrued vacation pay; (iii) three times the aggregate of his annual base salary and highest annual bonus (as defined in the Agreement); and (iv) any actuarial difference in the benefit under the Company's Supplemental Executive Benefit Plan he would have received had his employment continued for three years after the date of his termination.

Under the terms of the Change-of-Control Employment Agreement, Mr. Pearce would also receive continued coverage under applicable welfare and benefit plans for three years if terminated following a change of control. The Agreement also provides for an additional payment to him of an amount equal to any Excise Tax (as defined in the Agreement) imposed on the aggregate cash payment described above and any income taxes imposed on such additional payment, so that the executive receives the amount that would have been received had any Excise Tax not been imposed.

On May 15, 2005, Mr. Pearce was appointed President of Smith Technologies. No disclosures under Item 5.02 are being made in connection with this appointment as this position is not considered a principal operating officer of the Registrant.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(c) Exhibits.

Exhibit No. -----	Exhibit -----
10.1	Change-of-Control Employment Agreement dated May 15, 2005 between the Company and Michael Pearce

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,

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the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

SMITH INTERNATIONAL, INC.

Date: May 19, 2005

/s/ NEAL S. SUTTON

By: Neal S. Sutton
Senior Vice President - Administration,
General Counsel and Secretary

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