HEXCEL CORP /DE/ Form 8-K July 19, 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 19, 2006 Date of report (**July 18, 2006**) (Date of earliest event reported)

Hexcel Corporation

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware (State of Incorporation) 1-8472

(Commission File No.)

94-1109521 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

Two Stamford Plaza 281 Tresser Boulevard Stamford, Connecticut 06901-3238 (Address of Principal Executive Offices and Zip Code)

(203) 969-0666

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

N/A

(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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Section 5 Corporate Governance and Management

Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.

Effective July 18, 2006, David L. Pugh became a member of Hexcel s Board of Directors. A copy of the press release announcing the naming of Mr. Pugh to Hexcel s Board is attached as exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Section 9 Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated July 18, 2006.

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Signature

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securi-ties Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its be-half by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

July 19, 2006

HEXCEL CORPORATION

/s/ Ira J. Krakower Ira J. Krakower Senior Vice President

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<u>Exhibit Index</u>

Exhibit No.Description99.1Press Release dated July 18, 2006.