

WNS (HOLDINGS) LTD
Form S-8
February 17, 2009

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Registration No. 333-

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

**FORM S-8
REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

WNS (Holdings) Limited

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Jersey, Channel Islands

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or
organization)

33-0996780

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

**Gate 4, Godrej & Boyce Complex
Pirojshanagar, Vikhroli (W)
Mumbai 400 079, India
(91-22) 4095-2100**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**WNS (HOLDINGS) LIMITED
AMENDED AND RESTATED
2006 INCENTIVE AWARD PLAN**

(Full title of the Plan)

**WNS North America Inc.
420 Lexington Avenue
Suite 2515, New York
NY 10170, USA
(212) 599 6960**

(Name and Address of Agent For Service)

Copy to:

**Michael W. Sturrock, Esq.
Latham & Watkins LLP
9 Raffles Place #42-02
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Singapore 048619**

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated
filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer
(Do not check if a smaller reporting
company)

Smaller reporting
company

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Securities to be Registered	Amount to be Registered⁽²⁾	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share⁽³⁾	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price⁽³⁾	Amount of Registration Fee⁽⁴⁾
Ordinary Shares, par value 10 pence per share ⁽¹⁾	1,000,000	\$5.85	\$5,850,000	\$229.91

- (1) The ordinary shares, 10 pence par value per share, of the Registrant (the Ordinary Shares) are traded in the United States in the form of American Depositary Shares (ADSs). Each ADS represents one Ordinary Share and is evidenced by American Depositary Receipts, issuable upon deposit of the Ordinary Shares. A separate Registration Statement on Form F-6 (Registration No. 333-135859) has been filed for the registration of the ADSs evidenced by American Depositary Receipts, issuable upon deposit of the Ordinary Shares.
- (2) This registration statement registers 1,000,000 additional Ordinary Shares available for issuance under the WNS (Holdings) Limited Amended and Restated Incentive Award Plan 2006 (the 2006 Plan) pursuant to an amendment and restatement of the Incentive Award Plan 2006 which was adopted by the Board of Directors of WNS (Holdings) Limited (the Registrant) on December 30, 2008 and approved by the shareholders of the Registrant on February 13, 2009. The 2006 Plan authorizes the issuance of a maximum of 4,000,000 Ordinary Shares plus any Ordinary Shares available for issuance under the WNS (Holdings) Limited, Jersey 2002 Stock Incentive Plan (the 2002 Plan), and any Ordinary Shares subject to awards under the 2002 Plan which terminate, expire, lapse for any reason or are settled in cash. However, the Registrant has, pursuant to Registration Statement on Form S-8 (File No. 333-136168), registered the offer and sale of 6,965,776 of the Ordinary Shares comprising 3,000,000 Ordinary Shares which have been issued or may be available for issuance under the 2006 Plan and 3,965,776 Ordinary Shares which are subject to outstanding options or reserved for future issuance under the 2002 Plan, *provided*, that, to the extent any of the outstanding options under the 2002 Plan terminate, expire, lapse for any reason or are settled in cash, the Ordinary Shares subject to such options shall be issuable under the 2006 Plan. The newly registered Ordinary Shares are not yet subject to outstanding options under the 2006 Plan. The amount being registered shall also include any additional Ordinary Shares which may be offered as a result of stock splits, stock dividends, recapitalization or similar transaction in accordance with Rule 416 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act).
- (3) Solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee, the Proposed Maximum Offering Per Share and the Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price for the Ordinary Shares have been estimated in accordance with Rule 457(c) and Rule 457(h) under the Securities Act, based upon the average of the high and low prices of the ADSs of the Registrant on the New York Stock Exchange as of February 12, 2009.
- (4) This registration statement registers additional Ordinary Shares of the Registrant issuable pursuant to the same employee benefit plan, as amended and restated, for which the Registrant's prior Registration Statement on Form S-8 relating to the 2006 Plan (File No. 333-136168), is currently effective. Accordingly, pursuant to General Instruction E to Form S-8, the registration fee is being paid with respect to the additional Ordinary Shares only.

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Part I

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Part II

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.

The following documents, which have been filed with or furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission (the Commission) by the Registrant are incorporated as of their respective dates in this Registration Statement by reference and made a part hereof:

- (a) The Registrant's annual report on Form 20-F (File No. 001-32945) for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2008 filed on August 1, 2008 and the amendment thereto on Form 20-F/A filed on October 9, 2008;
- (b) The Registrant's reports on Form 6-K (File No. 001-32945) furnished on August 13, 2008, November 13, 2008 and February 5, 2009;
- (c) The description of the Ordinary Shares contained in the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form 8-A (File No. 001-32945) filed on July 14, 2006, which incorporates by reference the information set forth under the headings Description of Share Capital, Description of American Depositary Shares and Taxation in the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form F-1 (File No. 333-135590) filed with the Commission on July 3, 2006, as amended by any subsequent amendment or report filed for the purpose of amending the descriptions of the Ordinary Shares and American Depositary Receipts.

All documents filed by the Registrant pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), subsequent to the effective date of this Registration Statement, but prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement, indicating that all securities offered hereby have been sold or deregistering all securities then remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement and to be a part hereof from the date of filing of such documents. Reports on Form 6-K that we furnish to the Commission will only be deemed incorporated by reference into this Registration Statement if such report on Form 6-K so states that it is incorporated by reference herein. Any statement contained herein or in any document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this Registration Statement to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any other subsequently filed or furnished document which also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such statement. Any such statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed to constitute a part of this Registration Statement, except as so modified or superseded.

* Information required by Part I to be contained in the Section 10(a) prospectus is omitted from this Registration Statement in accordance with Rule 428 under the Securities

Act, and the
Note to Part I of
Form S-8.

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Item 4. Description of Securities.

Not applicable.

Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel.

None.

Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

The Registrant's Articles of Association provide that, insofar as the Companies (Jersey) Law, 1991 (the 1991 Law) allows and, to the fullest extent permitted thereunder, all of the Registrant's present or former officers shall be indemnified out of the Registrant's assets in respect of, among others, any expenses incurred by them, judgments made against them or fines imposed on them in respect of any claims, actions or proceedings commenced against them. Officers, for these purposes, are directors and liquidators.

Article 77 of the 1991 Law provides that a company or any of its subsidiaries or any other person may not indemnify any person from, or against, any liability incurred by him as a result of being an officer of the company except where the company is indemnifying him against:

- (a) any liabilities incurred in defending any proceedings (whether civil or criminal):
 - (i) in which judgment is given in his favor or he is acquitted, or
 - (ii) which are discontinued otherwise than for some benefit conferred by him or on his behalf or some detriment suffered by him, or
 - (iii) which are settled on terms which include such benefit or detriment and, in the opinion of a majority of the directors of the company, he was substantially successful on the merits in his resistance to the proceedings; or
- (b) any liability incurred otherwise than to the company if he acted in good faith with a view to the best interests of the company; or
- (c) any liability incurred in connection with an application made under Article 212 of the 1991 Law in which relief is granted to him by the court; or
- (d) any liability against which the company normally maintains insurance for persons other than directors. The 1991 Law permits a company to purchase and maintain insurance regarding the indemnification of its officers.

The Registrant maintains directors and officers insurance to protect the Registrant's officers and directors from specified liabilities that may arise in the course of their service to the Registrant in those capacities.

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Item 7. Exemption from Registration Claimed.

Not applicable.

Item 8. Exhibits.

See attached exhibits list.

Item 9. Undertakings.

(a) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes:

- (1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement:
 - (i) to include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act;
 - (ii) to reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of this Registration Statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in this Registration Statement; and
 - (iii) to include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in this Registration Statement or any material change to such information in the Registration Statement;
provided, however, that paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii) of this section do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the Registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act that are incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement.
- (2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.
- (3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

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- (b) The undersigned Registrant hereby further undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each filing of the Registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act) that is incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at the time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.
- (c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to any existing provision or arrangement whereby the Registrant may indemnify a director, officer or controlling person of the Registrant against liabilities arising under the Securities Act, or otherwise, and the benefits of such indemnification are not waived by such persons, the Registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Mumbai, State of Maharashtra, India on February 17, 2009.

WNS (Holdings) Limited

By: /s/ Neeraj Bhargava
Name: Neeraj Bhargava
Title: Group Chief Executive Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement has been signed below by the following person in the capacities indicated on February 17, 2009.

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENT, that each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints Ramesh N. Shah (Chairman of the Board), Neeraj Bhargava (Group Chief Executive Officer) and Alok Misra (Group Chief Financial Officer), severally, as such person's true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent, with full power of substitution and revocation, for such person and in such person's name, place and stead, in any and all capacities to sign any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) to this Registration Statement and any registration statement filed pursuant to Rule 462(b) promulgated under the Securities Act 1933, as amended, and to file the same with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorney-in-fact and agent full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done provided two of the above-listed attorneys-in-fact act together on behalf of such person, as fully to all intents and purposes as such person might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorney-in-fact and agent or any substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Signature	Title
/s/ Ramesh N. Shah	
Ramesh N. Shah	Chairman of the Board
/s/ Neeraj Bhargava	
Neeraj Bhargava	Director and Group Chief Executive Officer (Principal executive officer)
/s/ Alok Misra	
Alok Misra	Group Chief Financial Officer (Principal financial and accounting officer)

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Signature	Title
/s/ Jeremy Young	
Jeremy Young	Director
/s/ Eric B. Herr	
Eric B. Herr	Director
/s/ Deepak S. Parekh	
Deepak S. Parekh	Director
/s/ Richard O. Bernays	
Richard O. Bernays	Director
/s/ Anthony Armitage Greener	
Anthony Armitage Greener	Director
/s/ Ramesh N. Shah	
Ramesh N. Shah	Authorized Representative in the United States

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- 4.1 Memorandum of Association of WNS (Holdings) Limited, as amended incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 of the Registration Statement on Form F-1 (File No. 333-135590) of WNS (Holdings) Limited, as filed with the Commission on July 3, 2006.
- 4.2 Articles of Association of WNS (Holdings) Limited, as amended incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 of the Registration Statement on Form F-1 (File No. 333-135590) of WNS (Holdings) Limited, as filed with the Commission on July 3, 2006.
- 4.3 Deposit Agreement, dated July 18, 2006, among WNS (Holdings) Limited, Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as depository, and all holders and beneficial owners from time to time of American Depositary Receipts issued thereunder, including the form of American Depositary Receipt to be issued thereunder incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.1 of the Registration Statement on Form F-6 (File No. 333-135859) of WNS (Holdings) Limited, as filed with the Commission on July 19, 2006.
- 5.1* Opinion of Mourant du Feu & Jeune, counsel to the Registrant, as to the legality of the Ordinary Shares being registered.
- 23.1* Consent of Mourant du Feu & Jeune (see Exhibit 5.1).
- 23.2* Consent of Ernst & Young LLP, independent registered public accounting firm.
- 24.1 Powers of Attorney (included on signature page).
- 99.1 Form of the WNS (Holdings) Limited Amended and Restated 2006 Incentive Award Plan incorporated by reference to Appendix A to the Registrant's Proxy Statement which was furnished as Exhibit 99.3 to the Registrant's report on Form 6-K (File No. 001-32945), as furnished to the Commission on January 12, 2009.

* Filed herewith.