HAEMONETICS CORP Form 8-K August 11, 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) August 9, 2006

HAEMONETICS CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Massachusetts

1-10730

04-2882273

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

File Number)

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

400 Wood Road

02184

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code 781-848-7100

(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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Item 8.01 OTHER EVENTS

On August 9, 2006, the Board of Directors authorized the Company to repurchase up to \$40 million of Haemonetics common stock. Repurchases under this authorization will occur under a 10b5-1 plan.

Item 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 The Company s press release dated August 10, 2006

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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 hereunto duly authorized.

HAEMONETICS CORPORATION (Registrant) /s/ Ronald J. Ryan Ronald J. Ryan, Vice President and

Chief Financial Officer

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Date: August 10, 2006