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LEUCADIA NATIONAL CORP Form 8-K August 15, 2006

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 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 11, 2006

LEUCADIA NATIONAL CORPORATION
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

NEW YORK (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

1-5721 13-2615557 (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

315 PARK AVENUE SOUTH

NEW YORK, NEW YORK
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

10010 (Zip Code)

212-460-1900 (Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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As previously disclosed, Leucadia National Corporation (the "Company") has subscribed to purchase an aggregate of \$400 million of securities of Fortescue Metals Group Ltd and its subsidiary, FMG Chichester Pty Ltd (collectively, "Fortescue").

The Company's obligation to consummate this investment is subject to Fortescue obtaining approximately \$2 billion of additional financing for its Pilbara iron ore project, including senior secured financing, on terms acceptable to the Company. A subsidiary of Fortescue has entered into an agreement with respect to senior secured financing on terms acceptable to the Company. The senior secured financing, along with the Company's investment in Fortescue, is expected to be consummated on August 18, 2006, subject to the receipt of certain consents and satisfaction of certain closing conditions.

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.

Date: August 14, 2006

LEUCADIA NATIONAL CORPORATION

/s/ Barbara L. Lowenthal

Name: Barbara L. Lowenthal

Title: Vice President