LITHIA MOTORS INC Form 8-K May 18, 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): May 11, 2006

Lithia Motors, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

0-21789 93 - 0572810 Oregon (State or other jurisdiction of (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification incorporation) No.)

> 360 E. Jackson Street Medford, Oregon 97501 (Address of Principal Executive Office)

Registrant's telephone number including area code <u>541-776-6868</u>

Not applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Item 1.01 Entry into Material Definitive Agreement.

The Board of Directors of Lithia Motors, Inc. adopted a new compensation package for members of the Board of Directors serving the 2006-2007 term. Attached as <u>Exhibit 99.1</u> is a summary of the compensation package.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(a) Not applicable.

(b) Not applicable.

(c) Exhibits.

99.1 2006 Board of Directors' Compensation

<u>Package</u>

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.

LITHIA MOTORS, INC.

(Registrant)

Date: May 17, 2006 By: /s/ Kenneth E. Roberts

Kenneth E. Roberts Assistant Secretary