

SENSIENT TECHNOLOGIES CORP

Form 8-K

November 22, 2005

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**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  
November 21, 2005  
(Date of Report/Date of earliest event reported)  
**SENSIENT TECHNOLOGIES CORPORATION**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**WISCONSIN**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**1-7626**  
(Commission File Number)

**39-0561070**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**777 East Wisconsin Avenue**  
**Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202-5304**  
(Address and zip code of principal executive offices)  
**(414) 271-6755**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**N/A**

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

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On November 21, 2005, Sensient Technologies Corporation ( Sensient ) finalized and adopted substantially all of the elements of a cost reduction plan to improve profitability and mitigate the impact of higher costs within its businesses. The plan also addresses the need to close facilities and reduce headcount in response to lower inkjet ink volumes. In connection with these actions, Sensient also determined that it would take charges relating to the impairment of certain long-lived assets.

The plan includes:

The closure of two excess manufacturing facilities;

A total reduction in global headcount of approximately 140 employees across all operating groups; and

The elimination of two insignificant product lines.

The long-lived assets determined to be impaired relate to excess equipment as a result of these actions. The majority of the employee terminations included in the plan are expected to be completed in the fourth quarter of 2005. Activities to relocate production equipment and prepare facilities and excess equipment for sale or disposal will begin in the fourth quarter of 2005 and are anticipated to be completed by the end of the second quarter of 2006.

Although some specific elements of the plan are still being evaluated, Sensient estimates that the final plan and other related actions will produce annualized savings of approximately \$13 million; management estimates that \$10 million of savings will be achieved in 2006. Sensient also anticipates that capital expenditures of approximately \$2.4 million will be required to implement these plans.

Sensient estimates that aggregate expenses and charges of approximately \$9.6 million (excluding capital expenditures) will be incurred as follows:

|                                                                                    | Cash                         | Non-cash | Total  |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|----------|--------|
|                                                                                    | <u>(dollars in millions)</u> |          |        |
| Employee termination expenses                                                      | \$ 5.4                       | \$       | \$ 5.4 |
| Long-lived asset impairment charges for excess equipment.                          |                              | 1.2      | 1.2    |
| Write-down of inventory to net realizable value in two insignificant product lines |                              | 2.0      | 2.0    |
| Contract terminations                                                              | 0.5                          |          | 0.5    |
| Other costs, including the dismantling and relocation of equipment                 | 0.5                          |          | 0.5    |
| Total                                                                              | \$ 6.4                       | \$ 3.2   | \$ 9.6 |

Substantially all of the total one-time charges of \$9.6 million are expected to be incurred during the fourth quarter of 2005.

The foregoing are estimates only; they may be further refined or changed by Sensient depending upon subsequent developments or additional analysis. In the event of a material change in the estimated

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total costs, or a material portion thereof, Sensient will amend this report. Estimates of expenses, cost savings and capital expenditures are forward looking statements; the actual cost savings (if any) achieved may be less, and expenses and expenditures incurred may be more. The actual amounts will depend upon, among other things: final decisions on specific elements of the plan; Sensient's ability to successfully implement elements of the plan; the timing of implementation of various plan elements; the absence or occurrence of unexpected costs; negotiations with other parties on certain items; general economic conditions; and many other factors, some of which will be outside of Sensient's control.

**ITEM 2.06 Material Impairments.**

The actions taken by Sensient include a determination to recognize charges totaling \$1.2 million for the impairment of certain long-lived assets. These charges relate to excess equipment. Please refer to the discussion in Item 2.05 hereof, which is incorporated herein by reference.

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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.

SENSIENT TECHNOLOGIES CORPORATION

(Registrant)

By: /s/ John L. Hammond

Name: John L. Hammond

Title: Vice President, Secretary and  
General Counsel

Date: November 21, 2005