

HAIN CELESTIAL GROUP INC  
Form 8-K  
December 18, 2006

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

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**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): December 18, 2006**

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**THE HAIN CELESTIAL GROUP, INC.**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| <b>Delaware</b><br>(State or other jurisdiction<br>of incorporation) | <b>0-22818</b><br>(Commission File Number) | <b>22-3240619</b><br>(I.R.S. Employer Identification<br>No.) |
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**58 South Service Road, Melville, NY 11747**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (631) 730-2200**

**Not Applicable**  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))



**Item 8.01 Other Events**

On December 18, 2006, The Hain Celestial Group, Inc. (“Hain”) announced that it had signed a definitive agreement to acquire Avalon Natural Products, Inc. Hain’s press release announcing the agreement is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated by reference herein.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

**(d) Exhibits.**

(99.1) Press release dated December 18, 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.

Date: December 18, 2006

THE HAIN CELESTIAL GROUP, INC.  
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Ira J. Lamel

Name: Ira J. Lamel

Title: Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer