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) : November 3, 2005
GRIFFON CORPORATION
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

| Delaware | $1-6620$ <br> (State or Other Jurisdiction <br> of Incorporation) | $11-1893410$ <br> (Commission |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| File Number) | Identification Number) |  |
| 100 Jericho Quadrangle |  |  |
| Jericho, New York |  | 11753 |
| (Address of Principal |  |  |
| Executive Offices) | (Zip Code) |  |

(516) 938-5544
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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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(17 CFR 240.14a-12)
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Act (17CFR 240.14d-2(b))
Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule $13 e-4$ (c) under the Exchange Act (17CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition
On November 3, 2005, Griffon Corporation (the "Registrant") issued a press release announcing the Registrant's financial results for the fourth fiscal quarter and year ended September 30, 2005. A copy of the Registrant's press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits
(c) Exhibits
99.1 Press Release, dated November 3, 2005

The information filed as an exhibit to this Form 8-K is being furnished in accordance with Item 2.02 and shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of such section, nor shall such information be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

## 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.

GRIFFON CORPORATION<br>By: /s/Eric Edelstein --------------------------------Eric Edelstein<br>Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Date: November 3, 2005

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Exhibit Index
99.1 Press release, dated November 3, 2005

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GRIFFON CORPORATION ANNOUNCES RECORD FOURTH QUARTER
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    OPERATING RESULTS, 2005 FISCAL YEAR RESULTS
    AND ENTRY INTO RULE 10b5-1 TRADING PROGRAM
    Jericho, New York, November 3, 2005 - Griffon Corporation (NYSE:GFF) today announced operating results for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005, including a record fourth quarter. Net sales for the fourth quarter increased to $\$ 388,442,000$, up from $\$ 369,723,000$ for the fourth quarter of fiscal 2004. Pretax income for the quarter increased to $\$ 35,358,000$ from $\$ 34,983,000$ for last year's fourth quarter. Net income for the current quarter was $\$ 22,623,000$ compared to $\$ 18,925,000$ for the last quarter of 2004 . Diluted earnings per share increased to $\$ .71$ for the fourth quarter of fiscal 2005 compared to $\$ .61$ in last year's fourth quarter.

The increase in sales in the fourth quarter was primarily attributable to the garage doors, electronic information and communication systems and installation services segments, which all achieved significant revenue growth. Fourth quarter earnings in the garage doors segment were approximately the same as last year while the electronic information and communication systems and installation services segments enjoyed higher profitability in the quarter compared to 2004. Telephonics, the company's electronic information and communication systems segment, had an outstanding fourth quarter, and as a result an excellent year. With its recently announced military contract awards Telephonics is poised for another strong year in fiscal 2006.

Net sales for the fiscal year ended September 30,2005 were $\$ 1,401,993,000$ compared to $\$ 1,393,809,000$ for fiscal 2004. Pretax income for fiscal 2005 was $\$ 78,945,000$ compared to $\$ 104,749,000$ last year. Net income for fiscal 2005 was $\$ 48,813,000$ compared to last year's record earnings of $\$ 53,859,000$. Diluted earnings per share was $\$ 1.55$ compared to $\$ 1.71$ a year earlier.

Escalating raw material costs in our garage doors and specialty plastic films segments made fiscal 2005 a difficult year. The improved operating results in the third and fourth quarters demonstrated that the Company was able to respond to the challenges created by these cost increases. That response has also resulted in the Company being well positioned for continued improvement in operating performance.

Cash generated from operations for the year was $\$ 58,000,000$ which funded capital expenditures of $\$ 40,000,000$, the majority of which was for the specialty plastic films segment. The company also used $\$ 96,000,000$ for strategic acquisitions, purchasing the $40 \%$ minority interest in specialty plastics' largest European operation for $\$ 82,000,000$ and making additional investments in the specialty plastics and electronic information and communication systems segments. A portion of the acquisitions was funded with bank borrowings of $\$ 60,000,000$ under the company's existing revolving credit facility. Also, the company continued its stock buyback program, using approximately $\$ 26,000,000$ during the year to acquire approximately $1,100,000$ shares of common stock.

The company also announced today that its Board of Directors approved the entry into a Rule $10 b 5-1$ trading plan with a broker to facilitate the repurchase of its shares of common stock under its previously announced stock repurchase of its shares of common stock. Under such program, Griffon currently may purchase up to 2,400,000 shares of common stock. Rule 10b5-1
allows a company to purchase its shares at times when it otherwise might be prevented from doing so under the insider trading laws or because of self-imposed blackout periods, provided, among other considerations, that repurchases are made pursuant to a plan adopted when the company is not aware of material nonpublic information or is not otherwise prohibited from acquiring its own shares. Rule 10b5-1 purchases are expected to commence December 2005.

In October 2005, the company announced that Telephonics Corporation, the company's electronic information and communication systems subsidiary, received a subcontract award from Syracuse Research Corporation (SRC) for the turnkey production of an SRC product. The initial release on this subcontract could exceed $\$ 20$ million in value. Under the structure of the joint cooperation agreement with SRC, Telephonics total share of all production for the program will exceed $\$ 150$ million.

The total contract award announced by the U.S. Army to Syracuse Research Corporation (SRC) of approximately $\$ 550$ million, makes Telephonics share of the program substantial. The award to SRC is to produce, field and support a next-generation capability against Remote Control Improvised Explosive Devices (RCIED) known as Counter RCIED Electronic Warfare Increment Two (CREW-2). RCIEDs, better known as roadside bombs, are the number one killer used by enemy insurgents in Iraq today. Crew-2 will provide an affordable capability against a broad spectrum of RCIED threats with a design that is sufficiently flexible to allow for future capability growth.

The contract is intended to meet a Multinational Corps Iraq urgent operational need for a field-programmable electronic countermeasures system designed to provide force protection against RCIED detonation ambushes.

Griffon Corporation -

- is a leading manufacturer and marketer of residential, commercial and industrial garage doors sold to professional installing dealers and major home center retail chains;
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installs and services specialty building products and systems, primarily garage doors, openers, fireplaces and cabinets, for new construction markets through a substantial network of operations located throughout the country;
- is an international leader in the development and production of embossed and laminated specialty plastic films used in the baby diaper, feminine napkin, adult incontinent, surgical and patient care markets; and
- develops and manufactures information and communication systems for government and commercial markets worldwide.
"Safe Harbor" Statement under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995: All statements other than statements of historical fact included in this release, including without limitation statements regarding the company's financial position, business strategy and the plans and objectives of the company's management for future operations, are forward-looking statements. When used in this release, words such as "anticipate", "believe", "estimate", "expect", "intend", and similar expressions, as they relate to the company or its management, identify forward-looking statements. Such forward-looking statements are based on the beliefs of the company's management, as well as assumptions made by and information currently available to the company's management. Actual results could differ materially from those contemplated by the forward-looking statements as a result of certain factors, including but not limited to, business and economic conditions, results of integrating acquired businesses into existing operations, competitive factors and pricing pressures for resin and steel, capacity and supply constraints. Such statements reflect the views of the company with respect to future events and are subject to these and other risks, uncertainties and assumptions relating to the operations, results of operations, growth strategy and liquidity of the company. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements. The company does not undertake to release publicly any revisions to these forward-looking statements to reflect future events or circumstances or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

| PRELIMINARY |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { or the Thr } \\ & \text { Sept } \end{aligned}$ |  | ths Ended 30, |  | the Twe Sept |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { onths Ended } \\ & \text { r 30, } \end{aligned}$ |
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|  |  | 2005 |  | 2004 |  | 2005 |  | 2004 |
| Net sales: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Garage Doors | \$ | 149,027 | \$ | 138,103 | \$ | 532,348 | \$ | 476,581 |
| Installation Services |  | 84,154 |  | 78,055 |  | 300,041 |  | 306,992 |
| Specialty Plastic Films |  | 93,686 |  | 100,667 |  | 370,158 |  | 411,346 |
| Electronic Information and Communication Systems |  | 67,234 |  | 58,473 |  | 220,993 |  | 220,674 |
| Intersegment eliminations |  | $(5,659)$ |  | $(5,575)$ |  | $(21,547)$ |  | $(21,784)$ |
|  |  | 388,442 |  | 369,723 |  | 401,993 |  | 393,809 |
| Operating income: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Garage Doors | \$ | 15,585 | \$ | 15,738 | \$ | 37,669 | \$ | 42,600 |
| Installation Services |  | 3,976 |  | 2,716 |  | 9,135 |  | 10,909 |
| Specialty Plastic Films |  | 10,724 |  | 13,793 |  | 31,582 |  | 52,655 |
| Electronic Information and Communication Systems |  | 9,366 |  | 8,288 |  | 18,117 |  | 20,224 |
| Segment operating income |  | 39,651 |  | 40,535 |  | 96,503 |  | 126,388 |
| Unallocated amounts |  | $(2,353)$ |  | $(3,950)$ |  | $(15,121)$ |  | $(14,643)$ |
| Interest and other, net (1) |  | $(1,940)$ |  | $(1,602)$ |  | $(2,437)$ |  | $(6,996)$ |
| Income before income taxes and minority interest | \$ | 35,358 | \$ | 34,983 | \$ | 78,945 |  | 104,749 |

(1) Includes pre-tax gain in 2005 of $\$ 3.7$ million on sale of land and building.

PRELIMINARY

Net sales
Cost of sales
Gross profit

Selling, general and administrative expenses

Income from operations

Other income (expense):
Interest expense
Interest income
Other, net

Income before income taxes
Provision for income taxes:
Federal
State and foreign

Income before minority interest
Minority interest

Net income
Basic earnings per share of common stock:

FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30,

| 2005 | 2004 |
| :---: | :---: |



|  |  |
| ---: | ---: |
| 9,410 | 9,501 |
| 3,325 | 3,442 |


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| ---: | ---: |
| 12,735 | 12,943 |




(1) Includes gain of $\$ 3.7$ million on sale of land and building.
(2) Includes a reduced provision as a result of the resolution of certain income tax matters.

## GRIFFON CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES <br> CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(IN THOUSANDS)

PRELIMINARY

> SEPTEMBER 30, 2005 --------------

ASSETS

Current Assets:
Cash and cash equivalents
Accounts receivable, net
Contract costs and recognized income
not yet billed
Inventories
Prepaid expenses and other current assets
Total current assets
Property, plant and equipment, at cost less
depreciation and amortization

| \$ | 60,663 |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | 189,904 |
|  | 43,065 |
|  | 148,350 |
|  | 41,227 |
|  | 483,209 |
|  | 216,900 |
|  | 96,098 |
|  | 55,220 |
| \$ | 851,427 |

LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

Current Liabilities:
Notes payable and current portion of long-term debt
Accounts payable

| \$ | 16,625 |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | 91,970 |
|  | 78,849 |
|  | 22,599 |
|  | 210,043 |
|  | 130,000 |
|  | 66,540 |
|  | 82,890 |
|  | - |
|  | 361,954 |
| \$ | 851,427 |

\$ 14,490
85,589
96,288
Accrued liabilities
Income taxes
Total current liabilities
Long-term debt:
Convertible subordinated notes Other
Other liabilities and deferred credits
Minority interest
Shareholders' equity

GRIFFON CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (IN THOUSANDS)

| For the Years Ended September 30, |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| 2005 | 2004 |

$\$ 48,813 \quad \$ 53,859$

| 32,613 | 28,331 |
| :---: | ---: |
| $(3,744)$ | - |
| 4,415 | 12,133 |
| 988 | 2,785 |
| $(1,740)$ | 8,336 |

Change in assets and liabilities:
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable and contract costs and recognized income not yet billed
Increase in inventories

| $(24,595)$ | 11,545 |
| :---: | :---: |
| $(5,718)$ | $(27,313)$ |
| (880) | $(4,655)$ |
| 5,644 | 14,632 |
| 2,526 | 6,128 |
| 9,509 | 51,922 |
| 58,322 | 105,781 |

CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVTTTES
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment
Proceeds from sale of land and building
Acquisition of minority interest in subsidiaries
Acquired businesses
(Increase) decrease in equipment lease deposits
Other, net

Net cash used in investing activities

| $(40,000)$ | $(56,124)$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| 6,931 | - |
| $(85,928)$ | - |
| $(9,577)$ | - |
| 6,856 | $(3,787)$ |
| - | 708 |
| -------- | $(59,203)$ |

CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:
Purchase of treasury shares
Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt
Payments of long-term debt
Increase in short-term borrowings
Exercise of stock options
Distributions to minority interests
Other, net

Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents

NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR

| $(25,909)$ | $(28,400)$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| 67,778 | 12,393 |
| $(25,038)$ | $(12,631)$ |
| 1,045 | 103 |
| 20,261 | 5,473 |
| $(1,362)$ | $(5,974)$ |
| - | (269) |
| 36,775 | $(29,305)$ |
| (763) | 958 |
| $(27,384)$ | 18,231 |
| 88,047 | 69,816 |
| \$ 60,663 | \$ 88,047 |

