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Form 8-K  
May 23, 2005

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: May 23, 2005  
(Date of earliest event reported: May 19, 2005)

HAVERTY FURNITURE COMPANIES, INC.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)  
Maryland 1-14445 58-0281900  
(State or other (Commission (I.R.S.  
jurisdiction of File Number) Employer  
incorporation or Identification No.)  
organization)

780 Johnson Ferry Road,  
Suite 800,  
Atlanta, Georgia 30342  
(Address of principal executive officers) ( Zip Code)  
Telephone number, including area code: (404) 443-2900

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17CFR240.13e-4(c))

Item 4.01. Changes in Registrant's Certifying Account

On May 19, 2005, Windham Brannon, P.C. was appointed as the independent registered public accounting firm ("auditor" or "auditors") for the Haverty Furniture Companies, Inc. (the "Plan") for the year ended December 31, 2004. Ernst & Young LLP ("Ernst & Young"), the Plan's independent registered public accounting firm for the two most recent fiscal years, has been dismissed.

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The decision to change auditors was approved by the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors of Haverty Furniture Companies, Inc. (the "Company") on May 19, 2005.

The audit reports of Ernst & Young on the financial statements of the Plan for the past two fiscal years did not contain an adverse opinion or disclaimer of opinion, nor were they qualified or modified as to uncertainty, audit scope, or accounting principles.

During the two most recent fiscal years and through May 19, 2005, there were no disagreements between the Plan and Ernst & Young on any matter of accounting principles or practices, financial statement disclosure or auditing scope or procedure, which disagreements, if not resolved to the satisfaction of Ernst & Young, would have caused Ernst & Young to make reference to the subject matter of the disagreement in connection with its report on the Plan's financial statements.

During the two most recent fiscal years and through May 19, 2005, there were no "reportable events" with respect to the Plan as that term is defined in Item 304(a)(1)(v) of Regulation S-K.

During the two most recent fiscal years and through May 19, 2005, the Company did not consult with Windham Brannon, P.C. with respect to the Plan regarding any of the matters or events set forth in Item 304(a)(2)(i) and (ii) of Regulation S-K.

The Plan provided a copy of the foregoing disclosures to Ernst & Young prior to the date of the filing of this report and requested that Ernst & Young furnish it with a letter addressed to the Securities and Exchange Commission stating whether or not it agrees with the statements in this Item 4.01. A copy of the letter furnished in response to that request is filed as Exhibit 16.1 to this Form 8-K.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

16.1 Letter addressed to the Securities and Exchange Commission from Ernst & Young LLP dated May 23, 2005.

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.

HAVERTY FURNITURE COMPANIES, INC.

May 23, 2005

By: /s/ Jenny H. Parker

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Jenny H. Parker  
Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer

EXHIBIT INDEX

- 16.1 Letter addressed to the Securities and  
Exchange Commission from Ernst & Young LLP  
dated May 23, 2005.