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Form 8-K  
October 31, 2005

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 October 24, 2005  
(Date of earliest event reported)

DENTSPLY INTERNATIONAL INC  
(Exact name of Company as specified in charter)

Delaware                              0-16211                              39-1434669  
(State of Incorporation) (Commission                              (IRS Employer  
File Number)                              Identification No.)

221 West Philadelphia Street, York, Pennsylvania                              17405  
(Address of principal executive offices)                              (Zip Code)

(717) 845-7511 (Company's telephone number  
including area code)

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Item 2.02. - Results of Operations and Financial Condition

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The following information is furnished pursuant to Item 2.02, "Results of Operations and Financial Condition."

On October 24, 2005, the Company issued a press release disclosing its third quarter 2005 sales and earnings. This earnings release references net sales excluding precious metal content and earnings from continuing operations excluding certain unusual items, both of which could be considered measures not calculated in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (non-GAAP measures). Due to the fluctuations of precious metal prices and because the precious metal content of the Company's sales is largely a pass-through to customers and has minimal effect on earnings, the Company reports sales both with and without precious metal content to show the Company's performance independent of precious metal price volatility and to enhance comparability of performance between periods. Earnings from continuing operations excluding certain unusual items is presented to enhance the comparability between periods. A copy of the Company's press release is attached hereto as Exhibit (99.1) and is hereby incorporated by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(a) Financial Statements - Not applicable.

(b) Exhibits:

99.1The Dentsply International Inc. Third quarter 2005 results and announcement of asset impairment for the period release issued October 24, 2005 as referenced in Item 2.02.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Company has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

DENTSPLY INTERNATIONAL INC  
(Company)

/s/William R. Jellison  
William R. Jellison  
Senior Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

Date: October 24, 2005