

QEP CO INC
Form 8-K
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

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): August 29, 2006

Q.E.P. CO., INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

0-21161
(Commission File No.)

13-2983807
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

1001 Broken Sound Parkway, NW Suite A

Boca Raton, Florida 33487

(Address of principal executive offices)

561-994-5550

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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ITEM 4.02. NON-RELIANCE ON PREVIOUSLY ISSUED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OR A RELATED AUDIT REPORT OR COMPLETED INTERIM REVIEW.

On June 16, 2006, the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) issued a comment letter (the Comment Letter) to Q.E.P. Co., Inc. (the Company) regarding the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended February 28, 2006. In the Comment Letter, the SEC raised questions about several matters contained in the Form 10-K including the amount of the put warrant liability that was recorded in connection with the warrants that were issued to Hillstreet Fund, L.P. (Hillstreet) in connection with the subordinated loan agreement between the Company and HillStreet, entered into on April 5, 2001 (which was paid in full on May 12, 2003). The Company had issued 325,000 10-year warrants (the put warrants) at an exercise price of \$3.63 per share. The put warrants continue to remain outstanding and since April 5, 2006, the put feature may be exercised by the Holder at any time or from time to time, based on criteria set forth in the Warrant Agreement. In the event the put is exercised, the Company is required to pay cash to the Holder of the warrants for the excess value of the warrants. The Company cannot determine the actual amount of the liability until such time as the Holder elects to exercise the put. The liability is based on the determination of the Company's entity value, which is defined in the Warrant Agreement as the greatest of: (1) the fair market value of the Company established as of a capital transaction or public offering; or, (2) a formula value based on a multiple of six times trailing twelve month EBITDA; or (3) an appraised value as if the company was sold as a going concern.

Prior to the Company's fiscal year ended February 28, 2006, the Company had estimated the amount of the liability using a formula based on EBITDA as contemplated under the Warrant Agreement or an internal appraisal value based on a multiple of projected EBITDA. For the fiscal year ended February 28, 2006, the Company hired an independent appraiser to perform a comprehensive appraisal and such appraisal was the basis for recording the put warrant liability for such fiscal period.

The Company has determined to apply the appraisal method used in the fiscal year ended February 28, 2006 to estimate the put warrant liability for fiscal periods prior to the year ended February 28, 2006. As a result, the Company's management, with input from the Audit Committee of the Company's Board of Directors concluded on August 29, 2006, that the Company's audited consolidated financial statements for its fiscal years ended February 28, 2003 through February 28, 2006 and the unaudited consolidated financial statements for the applicable quarters will be restated and should not be relied upon.

The Company is in the process of completing its revised calculations by retroactively utilizing the current comprehensive appraisal methodology to determine and to restate the put warrant liability for all fiscal years beginning with the fiscal year ended February 28, 2003. While the put warrant liability at February 28, 2006 will remain unchanged, the preliminary calculations show that the liability in prior fiscal years was understated. As a consequence, the put warrant expense for the fiscal year ended February 28, 2006 was overstated and in fact, will be restated to reflect income from the change in value of the put warrant liability for such period.

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This restatement will show no effect on previously reported operating income and cash flow from operations for all periods presented.

Also, the Company has reconsidered the economic characteristics of operations in its geographic regions and will provide expanded disclosure in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 131 Disclosures About Segment of an Enterprise and Related Information in the amended annual report.

As soon as practicable, the Company intends to file an amended February 28, 2006 Form 10-K and an amended May 31, 2006 Form 10-Q year to reflect such restatement. In addition, in the amended February 28, 2006 Form 10-K, the year end date in Exhibit 32.2 (section 906 certification) will be corrected to properly show February 28, 2006 instead of February 29, 2004.

The Company's Audit Committee has discussed the matters disclosed in this Current Report on Form 8-K with Grant Thornton LLP, the Company's independent registered public accounting firm.

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.

Q.E.P. Co., Inc.

By: /s/ Lewis Gould

Name: Lewis Gould

Title: Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer

Dated: September 5, 2006