

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 December 31, 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)

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:

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_____ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 5.02. - Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.

Mr. Edgar H. Schollmaier has retired from the Board of Directors of the Company effective December 31, 2005. Mr. Schollmaier is 72 years old and would not have been able to stand for re-election at the expiration of his current term in May of 2006 due to his reaching the Company's mandatory retirement age for Directors. Mr. Schollmaier has been a Director of the Company for nine and half years, serving since June 1996. The Board of Directors of the Company and the Company are grateful for the valuable service provided by Mr. Schollmaier.

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/Brian M. Addison
Brian M. Addison
Vice President, Secretary and
General Counsel

Date: January 5, 2005