

OWENS & MINOR INC/VA/  
Form 8-K  
January 06, 2005

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the**  
**Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): December 31, 2004

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**Owens & Minor, Inc.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

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**Virginia**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**1-9810**  
(Commission File Number)

**54-1701843**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**4800 Cox Road**  
**Richmond, Virginia**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**23060**  
(Zip Code)

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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (804) 747-9794

N/A

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 1.01 *Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.*

On December 31, 2004, the Board of Directors of Owens & Minor, Inc. (the *Company*) adopted resolutions amending the Owens & Minor, Inc. 2003 Directors' Compensation Plan (the *Directors' Plan*) (filed as Exhibit 10.6 to the *Company's* Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003 and incorporated by reference to Annex B of the *Company's* definitive Proxy Statement filed pursuant to Section 14(a) of the Securities and Exchange Act on March 13, 2003) and the Owens & Minor, Inc. Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan (the *SERP*) (filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the *Company's* Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2004), effective as of December 31, 2004.

Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the *Code*), imposes new restrictions and requirements that must be satisfied in order to assure the deferred taxation of benefits as intended by the *Directors' Plan* and the *SERP*. Code section 409A is effective as to amounts deferred after 2004. The purpose of the amendments to the *Directors' Plan* and the *SERP* is to assure that the requirements and restrictions of Code section 409A will not apply to vested benefits earned or deferred under the *Directors' Plan* or the *SERP* prior to January 1, 2005.

The resolutions amend the Deferred Fee Program under the *Directors' Plan* as of December 31, 2004 to limit the benefits payable under the current Deferred Fee Program to benefits that vest no later than December 31, 2004 and future earnings on such benefits. The resolutions also adopt a successor Deferred Fee Program under the *Directors' Plan* that is identical to the current Deferred Fee Program except that (i) the new Deferred Fee Program will conform to the requirements of Code section 409A and (ii) benefits payable under the new Deferred Fee Program will be limited to benefits under the current Deferred Fee Program that are not vested on December 31, 2004 and benefits earned on and after January 1, 2005 and future earnings on such benefits.

The Board of Directors resolutions amending the *Directors' Plan* are filed as Exhibit 10.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and are incorporated herein by reference.

The resolutions amend the *SERP* to limit the benefits payable under the current *SERP* to benefits that vest no later than December 31, 2004 and any future earnings on those benefits. The resolutions also adopt a successor *SERP* that is identical to the current *SERP* except that (i) the new *SERP* will conform to the requirements of Code section 409A and (ii) the benefits payable under the new *SERP* will be limited to benefits under the current *SERP* that are not vested on December 31, 2004 and benefits earned on and after January 1, 2005 and future earnings on such benefits.

The Board of Directors resolutions amending the *SERP* are filed as Exhibit 10.2 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and are incorporated herein by reference.

The *Company* previously established the Owens & Minor, Inc. Executive Deferred Compensation Trust (the *Trust*) (filed as Exhibit 10.2 to the *Company's* Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2004). As originally adopted, the *Trust* allowed the *Company* to make contributions to the *Trust* in anticipation of its obligations under the Owens & Minor, Inc. Executive Deferred Compensation Plan.

On December 31, 2004, the Board of Directors adopted resolutions amending the *Trust*. The resolutions amended the *Trust* to (i) change the name of the *Trust* to the Owens & Minor, Inc. Deferred Compensation Trust and (ii) to allow the *Company* to make contributions to the *Trust* in anticipation of its obligations under the *SERP*.

The Board of Directors resolutions amending the Trust and the amended and restated Trust Agreement are filed as Exhibits 10.3 and 10.4, respectively, to this Current Report on Form 8-K and are incorporated herein by reference. The Owens & Minor, Inc. Executive Deferred Compensation Plan is filed as Exhibit 10.5 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

On December 31, 2004, the Board of Directors amended and restated the form of Owens & Minor, Inc. Executive Severance Agreement (the Severance Agreement ) (filed as Exhibit 10.8 to the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1998) to (1) condition eligibility for payment of severance benefits upon a change in control and voluntary termination by the executive for good reason ; (2) detail circumstances constituting good reason and (3) institute non-competition and solicitation restrictive covenants. The former executive severance agreements did not require voluntary termination for good reason as a condition to initiate severance benefits upon a change of control for corporate senior executive officers and did not contain restrictive covenants prohibiting competition by the employee or employment of the employee with a competitor within a certain time period following termination.

The amended and restated form of Severance Agreement is filed as Exhibit 10.6 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 5.02

On January 1, 2005, Henry A. Berling retired from the Company as Executive Vice-President. He will continue to serve as a member of the Board of Directors until the annual shareholders meeting on April 28, 2005, at which time he will retire from the Board of Directors.

Item 9.01 *Financial Statements and Exhibits.*

(c) *Exhibits.*

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
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10.2	Resolutions of the Board of Directors of Owens & Minor, Inc. amending the Owens & Minor, Inc. Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan.
10.3	Resolutions of the Board of Directors of Owens & Minor, Inc. amending the Owens & Minor, Inc Executive Deferred Compensation Plan Trust.
10.4	Amended and Restated Owens & Minor Inc. Deferred Compensation Trust Agreement.
10.5	Owens & Minor Inc. Executive Deferred Compensation Plan.
10.6	Amended and Restated Form of Owens & Minor, Inc. Executive Severance Agreement

**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.

Date: January 5, 2004

**OWENS & MINOR, INC.**

By:           /s/ Grace R. den Hartog          

Name: Grace R. den Hartog  
Title: Senior Vice President  
General Counsel and Corporate  
Secretary

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