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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
(Date of Earliest Event Reported):
July 10, 2005

New Jersey State of Incorporation Commission File Number 1-3822

21-0419870 I.R.S. Employer Identification No.

One Campbell Place Camden, New Jersey 08103-1799 Principal Executive Offices

Telephone Number: (856) 342-4800

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Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

On July 10, 2005, the Compensation and Organization Committee of the Board of Directors (the Committee) of Campbell Soup Company (the Company), pursuant to the Company s 2003 Long-Term Incentive Plan, approved the long-term incentive compensation programs described below.

FY 06- 08 TSR Performance Share Program. Under this program, senior executives (including executive officers) and certain other employees will be eligible to receive a portion of their long-term incentive compensation in the form of restricted performance shares. Initial grants of TSR performance shares are expected to be approved by the Committee in September 2005. Awards will be determined by comparing the Company s total shareowner return (TSR) during the performance period of FY 06 to FY 08 with the respective TSRs of a group of companies consisting of the S&P Packaged Foods Group and Kraft Foods Inc. (collectively, the comparator group). Based upon the Company s TSR ranking in the comparator group, a participant may receive an award ranging from 0% to 200% of his or her initial grant of TSR performance shares. If the initial grants are made in September 2005, the awards will vest in September 2008. For approximately the top 35 senior executives in the Company (including executive officers), 70% of the potential value of long-term compensation will be delivered under this program. For executive officers the remaining 30% of the potential value of long-term compensation will be delivered under the EPS Performance Share Program, and for all other senior executives the remaining 30% will be delivered under the Restricted Share Program.

FY 06- 08 Restricted Share Program. Under this program, senior executives (but not executive officers) and certain other employees will be eligible to receive a portion of their long-term incentive compensation in the form of time-lapse restricted shares. Initial grants of restricted shares are expected to be approved by the Committee in September 2005. If an initial grant is made in September 2005, one-third of the initial grant of restricted shares will vest on September 30 in each of 2006, 2007 and 2008.

FY 06- 08 EPS Performance Share Program. Under this program, executive officers will be eligible to receive a portion of their long-term incentive compensation in the form of restricted performance shares. Initial grants of EPS performance shares are expected to be approved by the Committee in September 2005. Awards will be determined based on the Company s achievement of certain annual earnings per share (EPS) goals. Based upon the Company s achievement of the EPS goals, a participant may receive, over the course of three years, a total award ranging from 0% to 100% of his or her initial grant of EPS performance shares. Provided annual EPS goals are achieved and assuming an initial grant is made in September 2005, one-third of the initial grant of EPS performance shares will vest on September 30 in each of 2006, 2007 and 2008.

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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.

CAMPBELL SOUP COMPANY

(Registrant)

Date: July 12, 2005 By: /s/ Robert A Schiffner

Robert A. Schiffner Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer