MOTHERS WORK INC Form 8-K July 26, 2006

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 25, 2006

MOTHERS WORK, INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in Charter)

Delaware

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization)

0-21196

Commission File number

13-3045573

(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

456 North 5th Street Philadelphia, PA 19123

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(215) 873-2200

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act
- o Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On July 25, 2006, Mothers Work, Inc. (Mothers Work or the Company) issued a press release and held a broadly accessible conference call to discuss its financial results for its third fiscal quarter ended June 30, 2006. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

The press release contained non-GAAP financial measures within the meaning of the Securities and Exchange Commission s Regulation G. Mothers Work believes that the non-GAAP financial measure Adjusted EBITDA (operating income before deduction for the following non-cash charges: (i) depreciation and amortization expense; (ii) loss on impairment of long-lived assets; (iii) (gain) loss on disposal of assets; and (iv) stock-based employee compensation expense), together with the percentage of net sales represented by this measure, provides useful information about the Company s results of operations to both investors and management. Adjusted EBITDA is provided because management believes it is an important measure of financial performance used in the retail industry to measure operating results, to determine the value of companies within the industry and to define standards for borrowing from institutional lenders. Mothers Work uses Adjusted EBITDA as a measure of the performance of the Company. Mothers Work provides Adjusted EBITDA to investors to assist them in performing their analysis of its historical operating results. Adjusted EBITDA reflects a measure of the Company s operating results before consideration of certain non-cash charges and consequently, Adjusted EBITDA should not be construed as an alternative to net income or operating income as an indicator of the Company s operating performance, or as an alternative to cash flows from operating activities as a measure of the Company s liquidity, as determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Mothers Work may calculate Adjusted EBITDA differently than other companies.

With respect to the non-GAAP financial measure discussed in the press release, Mothers Work has provided, as an attachment to such press release, a reconciliation of the non-GAAP financial measure to the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure.

The disclosure in this Current Report, including in the Exhibit attached hereto, of any financial information shall not constitute an admission that such information is material

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Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

The following exhibits are furnished with this Form 8-K:

Exhibit

No. Description

99.1 Press release of Mothers Work, Inc. issued July 25, 2006

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SIGNATURE

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 duly authorized.

Date: July 26, 2006 MOTHERS WORK, INC.

By: /s/ Edward M. Krell

Edward M. Krell

Executive Vice President - Chief Financial Officer

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