

LUBRIZOL CORP
Form 8-K
January 17, 2007

**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) January 10, 2007

THE LUBRIZOL CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Ohio

1-5263

34-0367600

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

(Commission
File Number)

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

29400 Lakeland Boulevard, Wickliffe, Ohio

44092-2298

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (440) 943-4200

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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Item 2.06 Material Impairments

As part of its corporate goal to enhance its one company identity and to reflect more accurately its positioning in the marketplace, The Lubrizol Corporation (the Company) completed a corporate identity review in the fourth quarter of 2006. Senior management of the Company made a final determination on January 10, 2007 that the trade name

Noveon no longer would be used to describe the specialty chemical business segment of the Company and that its use would be discontinued except in connection with the consumer specialties product line. The Company acquired the rights to the Noveon trade name in June 2004 when it acquired Noveon International, Inc. At the time of the acquisition, an appraised value was attached to the Noveon trade name. The Company has calculated a pretax impairment charge of \$41.2 million to reflect appropriately the related asset at its estimated fair value. This charge was recorded as of December 31, 2006 as the Company believed at that time it would more likely than not discontinue the use of the Noveon trade name, except in the limited context of its consumer specialties product line.

The Company does not expect that the discontinuation of the Noveon trade name will result in material future cash expenditures.

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.

THE LUBRIZOL CORPORATION

Date: January 17, 2007

By: /s/ Leslie M. Reynolds

Name: Leslie M. Reynolds

Title: Corporate Secretary and
Counsel