OWENS ILLINOIS INC /DE/ Form 8-K March 22, 2005

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)

March 18, 2005

OWENS ILLINOIS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1 9576 (Commission File Number)

22 2781933 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

One SeaGate, Toledo Ohio (Address of principal executive offices)

43666 (Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (419) 247 5000

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

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Item 5.02(c) Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.

On March 18, 2005, Owens-Illinois, Inc. (the Company) announced that Edward C. White has been named chief financial officer, succeeding Thomas L. Young who, as previously announced, is retiring as of March 31, 2005. Mr. White s appointment will be effective on April 1, 2005.

Mr. White joined the Company in 1973 and has held several key assignments with the Company. He is 57 years old. He has been a Senior Vice President since 2003, serving as Senior Vice President and Director of Sales and Marketing for O-I Europe since 2004 and prior to that appointment was Senior Vice President of Finance and Administration from 2003-2004. He served as Controller from 1999-2004 and Vice President and Director of Finance, Planning, and Administration-International Operations from 1997-1999.

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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.

Date: March 21, 2005 OWENS ILLINOIS, INC.

(Registrant)

By: /s/ Matthew G. Longthorne

Name: Matthew G. Longthorne
Title: Vice President and Controller

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