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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 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): November 9, 2005

Aceto Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

New York

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

000-4217

11-1720520

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification Number)

One Hollow Lane, Suite 201, Lake Success, New York 11042

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(516) 627-6000

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

N/A

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

Indicate by check mark if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13-e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On November 9, 2005, Aceto Corporation, a New York corporation (the "Registrant"), issued the attached press release that included financial information for its first quarter of fiscal 2005. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Report on Form 8-K. The information contained in the press release is being furnished to the Commission and shall not be deemed incorporated by reference into any of the Registrant's registration statements or other filings with the Commission.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release issued by Aceto Corporation dated November 9, 2005

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

ACETO CORPORATION
(Registrant)

Dated: November 9, 2005

By: /s/ Leonard S. Schwartz

Leonard S. Schwartz
Chairman, CEO and President

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.	Exhibits.
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99.1	Press Release issued by Aceto Corporation dated November 9, 2005

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Exhibit 99.1

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

ACETO CORPORATION ANNOUNCES FIRST QUARTER FINANCIAL RESULTS

LAKE SUCCESS, NY - November 9, 2005 - Aceto Corporation (NASDAQ:ACET), a global distributor of chemically-derived pharmaceuticals, biopharmaceuticals, specialty chemicals and agrochemicals, today announced results of operations for its first quarter ended September 30, 2005.

Net sales for the first quarter were \$75.0 million, compared to \$80.4 million in the first quarter of fiscal year 2005. This decline reflects the previously disclosed decrease in sales of two active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs) due to intense competition. Sales of those two products in the first quarter of

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fiscal year 2006 were \$1.7 million, compared with \$11.8 million in the first quarter of fiscal year 2005, a decrease of \$10.1 million. The gross profit margin on net sales was essentially unchanged over the two periods. Net income was \$2.0 million, or \$0.08 per diluted share, in the first quarter of fiscal 2006, versus \$3.4 million, or \$0.14 per diluted share, in the same quarter last year. The decline in net income is largely attributable to the decrease in sales of the two APIs. (Prior year per share amounts have been adjusted for a 3-for-2 stock split, effected in the form of a dividend, paid January 10, 2005.)

Aceto also announces that it has reached a tentative legal settlement of a patent claim brought against it that required Aceto to take a charge of \$0.5 million in the quarter. This charge reduced first quarter earnings per share by \$0.02 per diluted share and was not anticipated when the Company issued earnings guidance of at least \$0.07 per diluted share for the quarter.

Aceto closed the first quarter in a strong financial position, highlighted by working capital of \$97.6 million, no long-term debt, and shareholders' equity of \$109.8 million at September 30, 2005.

Leonard S. Schwartz, Chairman, CEO, and President of Aceto, stated, "Apart from the decrease in sales of the two APIs, our business performed well during the first quarter. Without those two products, our sales grew 7% due primarily to the introduction of new Health Sciences products, steady growth in our Chemicals & Colorants segment and strength in our Agrochemicals segment."

Mr. Schwartz added, "We continue to focus on our initiatives in human and veterinary biopharmaceuticals. Although the FDA no longer plans to issue guidance before the end of 2005 regarding how approval of human generic biopharmaceuticals will be handled, we

firmly believe this market will emerge, and we continue to seek to develop products and markets in this area. With regard to veterinary biopharmaceuticals, the USDA is currently reviewing our applications to market a range of vaccines for companion animals. We hope to commence commercial sales towards the end of fiscal year 2006, subject to our receiving approvals on a timely basis."

Mr. Schwartz concluded, "In terms of financial guidance, we expect to earn a minimum of \$0.05 per diluted share in the second quarter of fiscal year 2006. The second quarter results will again reflect reduced sales of the two APIs mentioned above, which contributed \$6.6 million in sales in the second quarter of fiscal year 2005. The second quarter guidance also includes a \$0.01 per diluted share charge for exiting the facility previously occupied by the Institutional Sanitary Supplies segment. We remain optimistic about the long-term strategic direction and prospects of Aceto."

CONFERENCE CALL

Leonard S. Schwartz, Chairman, CEO, and President, and Douglas Roth, CFO, will conduct a conference call at 10:00 a.m. ET on Wednesday, November 9, 2005. Interested parties may participate in the call by dialing 888-787-0577 (706-679-3204 for international callers). Please call in 10 minutes before the call is scheduled to begin. The conference call will also be broadcast live over the Internet via the Investor Relations section (CONFERENCE CALLS) of Aceto's website. To listen to the live call please go to the website at least 15 minutes before the call to register, download and install any necessary audio software. The conference call will be archived on Aceto's website, and a recorded phone replay of the call will be available from 12:00 noon ET on Wednesday, November 9, 2005, until 5:00 p.m. ET on Thursday, November 10, 2005. Dial 800-642-1687 (706-645-9291 for international callers) and enter the code 9665856 for the phone replay.

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ABOUT ACETO

Aceto Corporation, which was incorporated in 1947, is a global leader in the distribution and marketing of biopharmaceuticals, chemically-derived pharmaceuticals, specialty chemicals and agrochemicals used principally as raw materials in the agricultural, color, pharmaceutical, surface coating/ink and general chemical consuming industries. With offices in ten countries, Aceto distributes over 1,000 chemicals in these and other fields. This news release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. These forward-looking statements are based on current expectations, estimates and projections of management. Aceto intends for these forward-looking statements to be covered by the safe-harbor provisions for forward-looking statements. Words such as "anticipates," "expects," "intends," "plans," "believes," "seeks," "estimates," or variations of such words are intended to identify such forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements contained in this press release include, but are not limited to, statements regarding emergence of a market for human generic biopharmaceuticals, approval of applications for, and sales of, veterinary vaccines, a tentative settlement of the patent claim, results for the second quarter of fiscal year 2006, and prospects for long-term growth. All forward-looking statements in this press release are made as of the date of this press release, and Aceto assumes no obligation to update

these forward-looking statements whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, other than as required by law. The forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those set forth or implied by any forward-looking statements. These uncertainties include, but are not limited to, the mix of products sold and the profit margins thereon, order cancellation or a reduction in orders from customers, competitive product offerings and pricing actions, the availability and pricing of key raw materials, dependence on key members of management, risk of entering into new European markets, continued successful integration of acquisitions, economic and political conditions in the United States and abroad, as well as other risks detailed in the Company's SEC reports, including the Company's Form 10-K and other filings. Copies of these filings are available at WWW.SEC.GOV.

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ACETO CORP.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME
(IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT PER-SHARE AMOUNTS)
(UNAUDITED)

THREE MONTHS ENDED
SEPTEMBER 30,

2005 2004

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Net sales	\$ 74,993	\$ 80,449
Cost of sales	62,490	66,934
Gross profit	12,503	13,515
Gross profit %	16.7%	16.8%
Selling, general and administrative expenses	10,362	9,430
Operating income	2,141	4,085
Other income, net of interest expense	759	528
Income from continuing operations before income taxes	2,900	4,613
Provision for income taxes	899	1,245
Income from continuing operations	2,001	3,368
(Loss) income from discontinued operations, net of income taxes	(27)	7
Net income	\$ 1,974	\$ 3,375
Basic income per common share (a):		
Income from continuing operations	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.14
(Loss) income from discontinued operations	\$ -	\$ -
Net income	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.14
Diluted income per common share (a):		
Income from continuing operations	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.14
(Loss) income from discontinued operations	\$ -	\$ -
Net income	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.14
Weighted average shares outstanding (a):		
Basic	24,287	24,127
Diluted	24,634	24,657

(a) The number of shares outstanding and the per-share information for September 30, 2004 have been adjusted for a 3-for-2 stock split, effected in the form of a dividend, paid January 10, 2005.

ACETO CORPORATION
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
(IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT PER SHARE AMOUNTS)

	September 30, 2005 (unaudited)	June 30, 2005
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ASSETS		
Current Assets:		
Cash in banks	\$ 22,312	\$ 19,950
Investments	5,064	5,068

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Receivables:		
Trade, less allowance for doubtful accounts: Sept, \$429; June \$ 427	50,965	49,636
Other	1,266	1,421
	52,231	51,057
Inventory	50,972	51,722
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	1,576	821
Assets held for sale	-	242
Deferred income tax benefit, net	2,799	2,780
	134,954	131,640
Long-term notes receivable	607	624
Property and equipment, net	5,479	5,543
Goodwill	1,720	1,720
Intangible assets, net	3,159	3,153
Deferred income tax benefit, net	2,623	3,626
Other assets	2,730	2,722
	151,272	149,028
Total Assets	\$ 151,272	\$ 149,028
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Drafts and acceptances payable	\$ 2,879	\$ 2,462
Short term bank loans	-	126
Accounts payable	24,307	24,783
Note payable - related party	500	500
Accrued expenses	9,704	9,474
Liabilities related to assets held for sale	-	46
	37,390	37,391
Total current liabilities		
Long-term liabilities	3,951	3,811
Minority interest	178	171
	41,519	41,373
Total liabilities		
Commitments and contingencies		
Shareholders' equity:		
Common stock, \$.01 par value:		
(40,000 shares authorized; 25,644 shares issued; 24,296 and 24,282 shares outstanding at Sept 30, 2005 and June 30, 2005, respectively)	256	256
Capital in excess of par value	56,840	56,903
Retained earnings	64,838	62,864
Treasury stock, at cost:		
(1,348 and 1,362 shares at Sept. 30, 2005 and June 30, 2005, respectively)	(13,368)	(13,505)
Accumulated other comprehensive income	1,187	1,137
	109,753	107,655
Total shareholders' equity		

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Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$	151,272	\$	149,028
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