

3COM CORP
Form 8-K
January 11, 2006

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): January 11, 2006

3Com Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)

0-12867

(Commission File Number)

94-2605794

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

350 Campus Drive

Marlborough, MA 01752

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(508) 323-5000

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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

On January 11, 2006 3Com Corporation (the "Company") announced that Bruce Claflin, the Company's President and Chief Executive Officer will retire as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company and resign from the Board of Directors following the appointment of a new Chief Executive Officer to replace him. In connection with Mr. Claflin's impending retirement, the Company and Mr. Claflin entered into a severance agreement (the "Agreement") on January 11, 2006 governing his separation from the Company. The terms of the Agreement include:

an obligation to continue to serve as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company until the date the Company establishes for his termination of employment (the "Termination Date");

an obligation to serve as a special advisor to the Board and the new Chief Executive Officer for a period of six months following the Termination Date (the "Advisory Period") without additional compensation;

a lump sum payment of \$3.3 million, which is equal to two years of base salary and target bonus, plus interest at a rate of 4.50% from the Termination Date until the payment date, which will be on the later of January 15, 2007 and the 15th day of the month following the expiration of the Advisory Period;

acceleration of vesting of the unvested portion of his option to acquire 500,000 shares of 3Com common stock granted to him on July 1, 2005 and acceleration of vesting of 325,000 shares of 3Com common stock pursuant to an option granted to him on August 1, 2003 and forfeiture of any remaining unvested options as of the Termination Date;

accelerated vesting of 50% of the unvested portion, as of the Termination Date, of all restricted stock granted to him and reacquisition by the Company of the remaining 50%;

accelerated vesting of one-third of his retention benefit provided for in his management retention agreement;

Company subsidized health, dental, vision and life insurance for up to two years from the Termination Date; and

an obligation to execute a general release of claims against the Company and a covenant not to sue on or after the Termination Date, as well as continuing obligations with respect to non-competition with the Company and non-solicitation of the Company's employees.

The foregoing description of the Agreement is qualified in its entirety by reference to the provisions of the Agreement attached as Exhibit 10.1 to this current report on Form 8-K.

Item 5.02 **Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers**

See Item 1.01 above.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

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* Indicates a management contract or compensatory plan

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: January 11, 2006

By:

3COM CORPORATION

/s/ Neal D. Goldman

Neal D. Goldman

Senior Vice President Management Services, General
Counsel and Secretary

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