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> 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 18, 2006

AETHLON MEDICAL, INC. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

 Nevada
 0-21846
 13-3632859

 (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)
 (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

 3030 Bunker Hill Street, Suite 4000, San Diego, California
 92109

 (Address of principal executive offices)
 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (858) 459-7800

Not applicable

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

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 (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
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 Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
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 Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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ITEM 5.02 DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; APPOINTMENT OF PRINCIPAL OFFICERS.

On July 18, 2006, Mr. Harold H. Handley was appointed as President of the Company. Mr. Handley brings over 20 years experience in management and research in immunology, biotechnology and medical devices. Mr. Handley has authored or co-authored over 20 publications and helped developed 15 patents. Prior to joining Aethlon, Mr. Handley was Executive Vice President and Chief Scientific Officer for Transvivo, Inc., a privately-held company, from 2000 to 2006. From 1996 to 2000, Mr. Handley was Vaccine Program Director for Maxim Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Mr. Handley was a co-founder of Idec Limited Partners, Inc., today known as Biogen Idec, Inc., operating with a market value exceeding \$14 billion. (NasdagGS:BIIB). Mr. Handley holds a Ph.D in Anatomy and Cell Biology from University of Virginia and a B.A. in Zoology from the University of California, Los Angeles. Mr. Handley will receive a salary of \$180,000 per year and stock options to purchase 500,000 shares of the Company's common stock at an exercise price of \$0.28 per share vesting over three years. With Mr. Handley's appointment, Mr. James A. Joyce resigned as President of the Company. Mr. Joyce will continue to serve as Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Directors.

On July 18, 2006, the Company issued a press release announcing the appointment of Mr. Handley as the Company's President. The full text of the press release is set forth in Exhibit 99.1 attached hereto and is incorporated in this Report as if fully set forth herein.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release dated July 18, 2006

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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.

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AETHLON MEDICAL, INC.

(Registrant)

Date July 19, 2006

By: /s/ James Dorst Name: James Dorst Title: Chief Financial Officer

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