

MTS SYSTEMS CORP
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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): November 15, 2006

MTS SYSTEMS CORPORATION

(EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER)

MINNESOTA
(STATE OR OTHER
JURISDICTION
OF INCORPORATION)

0-2382
(COMMISSION
FILE NUMBER)

41-0908057
(I.R.S. EMPLOYER
IDENTIFICATION NO.)

14000 TECHNOLOGY DRIVE, EDEN PRAIRIE, MN 55344
(ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES) (ZIP CODE)

(952) 937-4000
(REGISTRANT'S TELEPHONE NUMBER, INCLUDING AREA CODE)

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

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On November 15, 2006, the registrant issued a press release regarding the registrant's results of operations for the fourth quarter of fiscal 2006 and fiscal 2006 year-end. The full text of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

The furnished press release contains financial measures that are not presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). These non-GAAP financial measures and management's rationale for their use are discussed further below.

Exhibit A to the press release contains a reconciliation of financial results before and after the impact of stock compensation expense. The measures gross profit before stock compensation expense, selling expense before stock compensation expense, general and administrative expense before stock compensation expense, research and development expense before stock compensation expense, total operating expenses before stock compensation expense, income from operations before stock compensation expense, net income before stock compensation expense, and earnings per share diluted before stock compensation expense are not measures of financial performance presented in accordance with GAAP. The fourth quarter of fiscal 2006 and fiscal 2006 year-end amounts for these measures as presented in Exhibit A to the press release furnished in this Form 8-K exclude the impact of the adoption of Statement of Financial Accounting Standard (SFAS) No. 123(R), Accounting for Share-Based Payment, which resulted in the income statement recognition of non-cash, equity-based stock compensation expense. Because the Company adopted SFAS 123(R) prospectively in the first quarter of fiscal year 2006, management uses each of these non-GAAP measures to measure the results of the Company's operations before the effects of the newly required expensing of stock compensation.

Management views all of these non-GAAP financial measures as valuable performance indicators because they allow management to meaningfully compare financial results (gross profit, selling expense, general and administrative expense, research and development expense, total operating expenses, income from operations, net income, and earnings per share) for the fourth quarter of fiscal 2006 and fiscal 2006 year-end to the respective financial results for the fourth quarter of fiscal 2005 and fiscal 2005 year-end, in which the Company was not required to and did not record stock-based compensation expense in the income statement. While these non-GAAP financial measures are not used to compute incentive compensation or for any other substantive economic purpose, this comparison does provide management with a meaningful and consistent comparison of ongoing business performance between fiscal years 2006 and 2005.

Management believes these measures may be useful to an investor in evaluating the Company's operating performance because they help investors more meaningfully evaluate and compare the current period financial results (gross profit, selling expense, general and administrative expense, research and development expense, total operating expenses, income from operations, net income, and earnings per share) to the respective financial results for the prior fiscal year, since the Company adopted SFAS 123(R) prospectively and did not restate prior periods. Management also believes these measures may provide useful information to enable investors to better compare the Company's operating performance with the operating performance of its peer companies that have not yet adopted SFAS 123(R).

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Management does not believe there are any material limitations to the use of any of the above non-GAAP financial measures when used to compare current fiscal period financial results to those of the prior year fiscal period and therefore does not believe it is necessary to compensate for their use in any way. Further, management will continue to assess the Company's performance and review its financial results in relation to budgeted or planned results from multiple perspectives, including before and after the effects of stock compensation expense.

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These non-GAAP measures should be considered in addition to, not as a substitute for, other measures of the Company's results of operations prepared in accordance with GAAP. These non-GAAP measures may be calculated differently from, and therefore may not be comparable to, similarly titled measures used by other companies. A reconciliation of gross profit before stock compensation expense, selling expense before stock compensation expense, general and administrative expense before stock compensation expense, research and development expense before stock compensation expense, total operating expenses before stock compensation expense, income from operations before stock compensation expense, net income before stock compensation expense, and earnings per share before stock compensation expense to gross profit, selling expense, general and administrative expense, research and development expense, total operating expenses, income from operations, net income, and earnings per share, respectively, which are the nearest GAAP measures, is included in Exhibit A to the press release furnished in this Form 8-K.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release issued on November 15, 2006 regarding the registrant's results of operations for the fourth quarter of fiscal 2006 and fiscal 2006 year-end furnished pursuant to Item 2.02 of this Form 8-K.

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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 thereunto duly authorized.

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MTS SYSTEMS CORPORATION
(Registrant)

Date: November 15, 2006

By: /s/ Susan E. Knight
Susan E. Knight
Vice President and Chief Financial
Officer

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<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release issued on November 15, 2006 regarding the registrant's results of operations for the fourth quarter of fiscal 2006 and fiscal 2006 year-end furnished pursuant to Item 2.02 of this Form 8-K.

