

WHIRLPOOL CORP /DE/  
Form 8-K  
March 15, 2006

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

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**FORM 8-K**

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**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 14, 2006**

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**WHIRLPOOL CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as Specified in Charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
  
of Incorporation)

**1-3932**  
(Commission File Number)

**38-1490038**  
(IRS Employer  
  
Identification No.)

**2000 M63 North, Benton Harbor, Michigan**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**49022-2692**  
(Zip Code)  
  
**(269) 923-5000**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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  - .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On March 14, 2006, Whirlpool Corporation and Maytag Corporation issued a joint press release. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

99.1 Copy of press release dated March 14, 2006

*SIGNATURE*

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.

WHIRLPOOL CORPORATION

Date: March 15, 2006

By: /s/ Robert T. Kenagy  
Name: Robert T. Kenagy  
Title: Corporate Secretary

**Exhibit Index**

| <b>Exhibit No.</b> | <b>Description</b>                 |
|--------------------|------------------------------------|
| 99.1               | Press Release dated March 14, 2006 |