AVERY DENNISON CORPORATION Form 8-K July 26, 2005

# **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

July 26, 2005

Date of Report

# **AVERY DENNISON CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

1-7685 (Commission File Number) 95-1492269 (IRS Employer

Identification No.)

150 North Orange Grove Boulevard

91103

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#### Pasadena, California (Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code (626) 304-2000

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- " 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 240.14a-12)
- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

#### Section 2 - Financial Information

#### Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

Avery Dennison Corporation s news release dated July 26, 2005, regarding its preliminary financial results for the second quarter, is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1. This information is being furnished (not filed) under this Form 8-K. Additionally, the Company will discuss its preliminary financial results during a webcast and teleconference call today at 2:00 p.m. (EDT). To access our webcast and teleconference call, please go to our website at <u>http://www.investors.averydennison.com</u>.

#### Section 9 - Financial Statements and Exhibits

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

On July 26, 2005, Avery Dennison Corporation issued a news release announcing its preliminary financial results for the second quarter ending July 2, 2005, along with earnings guidance for the 2005 fiscal year, as set forth in Exhibit 99.1.

#### SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

Safe Harbor Statement under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995: Certain statements contained in this report on Form 8-K and Exhibit 99.1 are forward-looking statements intended to qualify for the safe harbor from liability established by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements are subject to certain risks and uncertainties. Actual results and trends may differ materially from historical or expected results depending on a variety of factors, including but not limited to fluctuations in cost and availability of raw materials; ability of the Company to achieve and sustain targeted cost reductions; foreign exchange rates; worldwide and local economic conditions; selling prices; impact of legal proceedings, including the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) criminal investigation, as well as the European Commission (EC) and Canadian Department of Justice investigations, into industry competitive practices and any related proceedings or lawsuits pertaining to these investigations or to the subject matter thereof (including purported class actions seeking treble damages for alleged unlawful competitive practices, and purported class actions related to alleged disclosure violations pertaining to alleged unlawful competitive practices, which were filed after the announcement of the DOJ investigation, as well as a likely fine by the EC in respect of certain employee misconduct in Europe); impact of epidemiological events on the economy and the Company s customers and suppliers; successful integration of acquired companies, financial condition and inventory strategies of customers; development, introduction and acceptance of new products; fluctuations in demand affecting sales to customers; and other matters referred to in the Company s SEC filings.

The financial information presented in this news release represents preliminary financial results.

The Company believes that the most significant risk factors that could affect its ability to achieve its stated financial expectations in the near-term include (1) potential adverse developments in legal proceedings and/or investigations regarding competitive activities; (2) the degree to which higher raw material costs can be passed on to customers through selling price increases (and previously implemented selling price

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increases can be sustained), without a significant loss of volume; (3) the impact of economic conditions on underlying demand for the Company s products; and (4) ability of the Company to achieve and sustain targeted cost reductions.

For a more detailed discussion of these and other factors, see the Exhibit 99.1 Cautionary Statement For Purposes Of The Safe Harbor Provisions Of The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act Of 1995 in the Company s Form 10-K, filed on March 17, 2005. The forward-looking statements included in this Form 8-K are made only as of the date of this Form 8-K, and the Company undertakes no obligation to update the forward-looking statements to reflect subsequent events or circumstances.

#### 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: July 26, 2005

#### AVERY DENNISON CORPORATION

By: /s/ Daniel R. O Bryant

Name: Daniel R. O Bryant Title: Executive Vice President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer

### EXHIBIT LIST

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 News release dated July 26, 2005.