

CONAGRA FOODS INC /DE/
Form 8-K
July 18, 2005

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Item 4.01 Change in Registrant's Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

(a) On July 15, 2005, the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors of ConAgra Foods, Inc. determined it will dismiss Deloitte & Touche LLP ("Deloitte & Touche") as the company's independent registered public accounting firm effective with the completion of the audit for the company's fiscal year ended May 29, 2005.

Deloitte & Touche's reports on the company's consolidated financial statements for the fiscal years ended May 25, 2003 and May 30, 2004 did not contain an adverse opinion or disclaimer of opinion, nor were they qualified or modified as to uncertainty, audit scope or accounting principles. Deloitte & Touche's report dated July 26, 2004 (April 27, 2005 as to Note 21) included explanatory paragraphs related to change in methods of accounting for variable interest entities and asset retirement obligations in 2004, goodwill and other intangible assets in 2003 and derivative instruments and hedging activities in 2002 and the restatement of the company's consolidated financial statements. During the 2004 and 2005 fiscal years and through July 15, 2005, there were no disagreements with Deloitte & Touche on any matter of accounting principle or practice, financial statement disclosure, or auditing scope or procedure which, if not resolved to Deloitte & Touche's satisfaction, would have caused Deloitte & Touche to make reference to the subject matter of the disagreement in connection with its report on the company's consolidated financial statements for such years. There were no reportable events as defined in Item 304(a)(1)(v) of Regulation S-K except for a material weakness in internal control with respect to accounting for income taxes as reported by the company in its Form 10-K/A filed April 29, 2005.

The company is taking steps to remedy the material weakness and is currently evaluating as to whether or not the material weakness was remediated as of May 29, 2005, the end of fiscal 2005.

Deloitte & Touche has furnished to the company a copy of a letter addressed to the Securities and Exchange Commission stating whether it agrees with the above statements. A copy of Deloitte & Touche's letter, dated July 18, 2005, is filed as Exhibit 16 to this Form 8-K.

(b) On July 15, 2005, the Audit Committee approved the engagement of KPMG LLP ("KPMG") to audit the Company's financial statements for the fiscal year ending May 28, 2006.

During the 2004 and 2005 fiscal years, and through July 15, 2005 the company has not consulted with KPMG with respect to any of the matters or reportable events set forth in Item 304(a)(2)(i) and (ii) of Regulation S-K.

The company expects Deloitte & Touche's report on the company's consolidated financial statements for the fiscal year ended May 29, 2005 to be issued in connection with the completion of the audit for fiscal 2005. Upon receipt of such report, the company will file an amendment to this Form 8-K with the specific date of dismissal of Deloitte & Touche and an update of the disclosures required by Item 304(a)(1)(iv) and (v) of Regulation S-K through that date.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

Exhibit 16 Letter from Deloitte & Touche LLP to Securities and Exchange Commission dated July 18, 2005

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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.

CONAGRA FOODS, INC.

Date: July 18, 2005

By: /s/ Frank S. Sklarsky

Name: Frank S. Sklarsky
Title: Executive Vice President,
and Chief Financial Officer

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