

HEIDRICK & STRUGGLES INTERNATIONAL INC  
Form 8-K  
September 20, 2006

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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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): September 18, 2006

HEIDRICK & STRUGGLES INTERNATIONAL, INC.  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware	0-25837	36-2681268
(State or Other	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer
Jurisdiction of		Identification No.)
Incorporation)		

233 South Wacker Drive, Suite 4200  
Chicago, Illinois 60606-6303  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices and Zip Code)

(312) 496-1200  
(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

(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):

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the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

### Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

On September 18, 2006, Heidrick & Struggles International, Inc. (the "Company") entered into a Purchase Agreement (the "Agreement") by and among Hudson Highland Group, Inc., Highland Partners Co (Canada), Highland Partners (Aust) Pty Ltd and Highland Partners Limited (collectively, the "Highland Parties"), and the Company, Heidrick & Struggles Canada, Inc. and Heidrick & Struggles Australia Ltd. (collectively, the "Heidrick Parties"). Pursuant to the terms of the Agreement, the Heidrick Parties have agreed to purchase the Highland Partners executive search business (the "Business") from the Highland Parties for \$36.6 million in cash to be paid at closing and up to \$15 million of additional cash consideration contingent upon the performance of the Business in 2007 and 2008. The closing of the transactions contemplated by the Agreement is subject to customary closing conditions and is expected to occur in the fourth quarter of 2006.

A copy of the Agreement and a press release issued by the Company on September 18, 2006 announcing the execution of the Agreement are filed herewith as Exhibits 10.1 and 99.1, respectively, and are incorporated herein by reference.

### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

#### (d) Exhibits:

10.1 Purchase Agreement, dated as of September 18, 2006, by and among Hudson Highland Group, Inc., Highland Partners Co (Canada), Highland Partners (Aust) Pty Ltd and Highland Partners Limited, and the Company, Heidrick & Struggles Canada, Inc. and Heidrick & Struggles Australia, Ltd.

99.1 Press release dated September 18, 2006.

#### 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.

HEIDRICK & STRUGGLES INTERNATIONAL,  
INC.

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By: /s/ K. Steven Blake

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Name: K. Steven Blake  
Title: Secretary and  
General Counsel