

FORD MOTOR CO
Form 8-K
September 16, 2005

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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: September 12, 2005

(Date of earliest event reported)

FORD MOTOR COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-3950

(Commission File Number)

38-0549190

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

One American Road, Dearborn, Michigan

(Address of principal executive offices)

48126

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code 313-322-3000

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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 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On September 12, 2005, Ford Motor Company (Ford , we or our) and Visteon Corporation (Visteon), our largest supplier, entered into definitive agreements designed to protect the supply of critical parts and components, create opportunities for production material cost savings, and improve our ability to benefit from competitively-priced and high-quality parts, systems and technologies. Consistent with the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding described in our Current Report on Form 8-K dated May 25, 2005 and our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2005, significant provisions of these definitive agreements include the following:

Transfer of 23 Visteon plants and facilities in the U.S. and Mexico and associated assets to a new, temporary business entity to be managed by Ford (over time, we would prepare most of these transferred operations for sale to companies with the expertise and capital to supply us with parts, systems and technologies that are competitive in price and quality);

Payment to Visteon of up to \$550 million to assist with Visteon's restructuring expenses;

Extension by Ford to Visteon of a \$250 million short-term secured loan, to be repaid by Visteon upon closing of the Ford-Visteon transaction;

Provision by Visteon of certain services (e.g., information technology, accounting, etc.) to facilitate the operation of the new business entity;

Payment by Ford for inventories included in the transferred operations;

Assumption by Ford or the Ford-managed business entity of certain liabilities associated with the transferred business, including employee-related (for the Ford-UAW hourly employees assigned to work at Visteon) and environmental liabilities; and

Acceleration of payment terms through 2006 for payments due from Ford to Visteon for components purchased by Ford for its U.S. facilities, with a gradual return over time to normal payment terms by 2009.

We currently anticipate that the transaction will close on or about October 1, 2005.

Item 8.01. Other Events.

Our news release dated September 13, 2005 concerning the execution of the definitive agreements with Visteon, filed as Exhibit 99 to this report, is incorporated by reference herein.

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<u>Designation</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Method of Filing</u>
Exhibit 10.1	Master Agreement dated as of September 12, 2005 between Ford Motor Company and Visteon Corporation	Filed with this Report
Exhibit 10.2	Contribution Agreement dated as of September 12, 2005 between Visteon Corporation and VFH Holdings, Inc.	Filed with this Report
Exhibit 10.3	Visteon A Transaction Agreement dated as of September 12, 2005 between Ford Motor Company and Visteon Corporation	Filed with this Report
Exhibit 10.4	Visteon B Purchase Agreement dated as of September 12, 2005 between Ford Motor Company and Visteon Corporation	Filed with this Report
Exhibit 99	News Release dated September 13, 2005	Filed with this Report

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.

FORD MOTOR COMPANY
(Registrant)

Date: September 16, 2005

By: /s/Kathryn S. Lamping
Kathryn S. Lamping
Assistant Secretary

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Exhibit 99	News Release dated September 13, 2005