

RITCHIE BROS AUCTIONEERS INC

Form 6-K

October 31, 2006

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

**Form 6-K
REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER
PURSUANT TO RULE 13A-16 OR 15D-16 UNDER
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
For the month October 2006**

**Commission File Number: 001-13425
Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers Incorporated**

6500 River Road
Richmond, BC, Canada
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(Address of principal executive offices)

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Yes No

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Number	Description
99.1	Press release dated October 31, 2006 reporting the retirement of David E. Ritchie as the Chairman of the Company's Board of Directors and a Director and the appointment to Chairman of Charles E. Croft.

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, thereunto duly authorized.

Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers Incorporated
(Registrant)

Date: October 31, 2006

By: */s/ Robert S. Armstrong*

Robert S. Armstrong,
Corporate Secretary