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October 06, 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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): -October 6, 2005
(September 30, 2005)

ONEIDA LTD.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

New York
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)

1-5452
(Commission File Number)

15-0405
(IRS Employer Ident

163-181 Kenwood Avenue, Oneida, New York
(Address of principal executive offices)

13421
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (315) 361-3000

Not Applicable
(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 Instructions A.2. below):

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ITEM 8.01. OTHER EVENTS.

In March 2005, the Company filed an application with the Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS") seeking a waiver with respect to its 2004 plan year minimum funding requirements in the amount of approximately \$7,811,000 for the Retirement Plan for Employees of Oneida Ltd. (the "Plan"). On September 30, 2005, the IRS granted the Waiver, subject to certain conditions, including the provision of acceptable collateral to the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (the "PBGC"). The Company has begun discussions with the PBGC regarding the collateral which most likely will take the form of a junior lien on the Company's assets.

Pursuant to the Waiver, the required minimum funding contributions for the 2004 plan year will be paid to the Plan trust with interest over the next four years with the first payment to be made in April 2006. These payments will be made pro rata in equal quarterly installments plus interest, except for the 2006 calendar year payments, which will include a catch up payment for the 2005 calendar year obligation.

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.

ONEIDA LTD.

By: /s/ ANDREW G. CHURCH

Andrew G. Church
Senior Vice President &
Chief Financial Officer

Dated: October 6, 2005