





**Item 8.01 Other Events**

On December 18, 2006, The Hain Celestial Group, Inc. (“Hain”) announced that it had signed a definitive agreement to acquire Avalon Natural Products, Inc. Hain’s press release announcing the agreement is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated by reference herein.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

**(d) Exhibits.**

(99.1) Press release dated December 18, 2006.

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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.

Date: December 18, 2006

THE HAIN CELESTIAL GROUP, INC.  
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Ira J. Lamel

Name: Ira J. Lamel

Title: Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer