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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

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of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of: May, 2006

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LAFARGE

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

61, rue des Belles Feuilles

75116 Paris

France

(Address of principal executive offices)

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Enclosures:

Press Release, dated May 24th, 2006, relating to: Annual General Meeting of Lafarge Shareholders.

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PRESS RELEASE

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Paris, May 24 2006

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF LAFARGE SHAREHOLDERS

The Annual General Meeting of Lafarge shareholders, which was held in Paris on May 24 2006 under the chairmanship of Bertrand Collomb, approved the 2005 financial statements.

The Group emphasised its solid results achieved in 2005. After a weaker first half, the Group's second-half performance was excellent, allowing it to post 8% organic sales growth, a 7% increase in operating income and a 5% increase in net profit over the full year.

The Group also indicated that the record level of sales in the first quarter of 2006 allowed it to confirm the favorable trends for 2006 presented in February.

Bruno Lafont, Chief Executive Officer of Lafarge, reiterated the main points of his strategic plan for the Group, and said:

Our strategic plan places shareholders at the heart of our Group. Our aim is to be the best in our sector, which means achieving the best performance, attaining the highest levels of profitability and creating the most value for shareholders.

The Annual General Meeting set the distribution of a dividend of €2.55 per share, up 6% compared to 2005. The dividend will be paid on June 8, a month earlier than in previous years. The Annual General Meeting approved a share buyback programme of up to 1 billion euros.

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Lafarge is the world leader in building materials, with top-ranking positions in all four of its businesses: Cement, Aggregates & Concrete, Roofing and Gypsum. With 80,000 employees in 76 countries, Lafarge posted sales of Euros 16 billion in 2005.

Lafarge has been committed to sustainable development for many years, pursuing a strategy that combines industrial know-how with performance, value creation, respect for employees and local cultures, environmental protection and the conservation of natural resources and energy. Lafarge is the only company in the construction materials sector to be listed in the 2006 100 Global Most Sustainable Corporations in the World . To make advances in building materials, Lafarge places the customer at the heart of its concerns. It offers the construction industry and the general public innovative solutions bringing greater safety, comfort and quality to their everyday surroundings.

Additional information is available on the web site at www.lafarge.com.

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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, thereunto duly authorized.

Date May 25th, 2006

Lafarge

(Registrant)

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