

3COM CORP  
Form 8-K  
June 28, 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):

**June 22, 2005**

**3COM CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

**0-12867**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**94-2605794**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**350 Campus Drive**  
**Marlborough, Massachusetts**  
**01752**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(508) 323-5000**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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**ITEM 1.01**

**Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement**

On June 22, 2005, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of 3Com Corporation ( "3Com" ) approved bonus payments to 3Com's executive officers, other than Bruce L. Claflin, for the second half of fiscal 2005. The Compensation Committee considered 3Com's performance during the second half of fiscal 2005, current market conditions and the performance of the individual executive officers, each compared to previously established objectives and approved bonus payments equal to 25% of each executive officer's target bonus for the second half of fiscal 2005. The Compensation Committee also approved the financial and operational objectives for 3Com's fiscal 2006 bonus payments and set fiscal 2006 annual base salaries and target bonus amounts for 3Com's executive officers, which included the following changes from fiscal 2005 levels: (i) Mr. Halsted's base salary was increased to \$350,000; (ii) Mr. Nicholson's base salary was increased to \$350,000 and his target bonus amount was increased to 65% of his base salary; and (iii) Mr. Bose's base salary was increased to \$335,000 and his target bonus amount was increased to 65% of his base salary. The Compensation Committee also approved the grant of stock options and awards of restricted stock to executive officers under the 3Com Corporation 2003 Stock Plan (the "2003 Plan").

The Compensation Committee also approved amendments to the 3Com Corporation Section 16 Officer Severance Plan. The material changes include: (i) one-year accelerated vesting of all time-based restricted stock awards; (ii) 25% acceleration of all performance-based restricted stock awards; and (iii) payment of 100% of the premium for health, dental and vision coverage for the severance period.

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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.

3COM CORPORATION

Date: June 28, 2005

By: /s/ Neal D. Goldman  
Neal D. Goldman  
Senior Vice President, Management Services,  
General Counsel and Secretary