

ENGELHARD CORP
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20549

SCHEDULE 14D-9

Solicitation/Recommendation Statement under
Section 14(d)(4) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Amendment No. 8

ENGELHARD CORPORATION
(Name of Subject Company)

ENGELHARD CORPORATION
(Name of Person(s) Filing Statement)

Common Stock, par value \$1.00 per share
(including the associated Series A Junior Participating Preferred Stock Purchase Rights)
(Title of Class of Securities)

292845104

(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

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Communications on Behalf of the Person(s) Filing Statement)

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Check the box if the filing relates solely to preliminary communications made before the commencement of a tender offer.

This Amendment No. 8 (this “Amendment”) amends and supplements the Solicitation / Recommendation Statement on Schedule 14D-9 filed on January 23, 2006, as amended by Amendments No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 (as so amended, the “Schedule 14D-9”), by Engelhard Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the “Company” or “Engelhard”). Except as specifically provided herein, this Amendment does not modify any of the information previously reported on the Schedule 14D-9.

Item 3. Past Contacts, Transactions, Negotiations and Agreements.

Item 3, Section (a) - Arrangements with Executive Officers and Directors of the Company of the Schedule 14D-9 is hereby amended and supplemented to reflect the grant of restricted stock by the Compensation Committee of the Board as disclosed in Item 6 by amending and restating the seventh paragraph of Section (a) as follows:

“Approximately \$63.5 million would be payable to all officers, including approximately \$59.9 million which would be payable to executive officers pursuant to the seven agreements, assuming a qualifying termination occurred on May 31, 2006 and a Share price of \$37.00. Amounts payable under the agreements are in addition to the amounts payable under the other plans described herein.”

Item 4. The Solicitation or Recommendation.

Item 4, Section (b) - Background of the Schedule 14D-9 is hereby amended and supplemented by adding the following at the end thereof:

“In response to a request from BASF for access to non-public information, the Company has provided BASF a confidentiality agreement, which includes a standstill provision. The confidentiality agreement provided to BASF is the same form the Company has furnished to others in the process it has initiated to explore strategic alternatives to seek to maximize value for the Company's stockholders. The Company indicated to BASF that its view of the value of the Company had not changed and that the BASF Offer remains inadequate. All parties participating in the process have signed confidentiality agreements (including a standstill provision).”

Item 5. Persons/Assets, Retained, Employed, Compensated or Used.

Item 5 of the Schedule 14D-9 is hereby amended by adding the following between the fourth and fifth paragraphs thereof:

“JP Morgan Securities Inc. (“JPMorgan”) was retained as a financial advisor to the Company to render a fairness opinion to the Board with respect to the consideration to be received by the Company in connection with any acquisition by a third party of a material portion of the Company. The Company has agreed to pay JPMorgan customary fees for such services; to reimburse JPMorgan for all expenses, including reasonable fees and disbursements of legal counsel; and to indemnify them and certain related persons against certain liabilities related to, arising out of, or in connection with its engagement.

JPMorgan and its affiliates in the past have provided, and in the future may provide financial advisory and financing services to the Company, for which services they have received, and would expect to receive, compensation.”

Item 9. Exhibits

Item 9 of the Schedule 14D-9 is hereby amended and restated as follows:

Exhibit No.	Description
(a)(1)	Letter to Shareholders of Engelhard Corporation, dated January 23, 2006, from Barry W. Perry, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Engelhard Corporation.*
(a)(2)	Text of email to Employees of Engelhard Corporation, dated January 23, 2006, from Barry W. Perry, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Engelhard Corporation.*
(a)(3)	Press Release, dated January 23, 2006.*
(a)(4)	Letter to Barry W. Perry, dated December 21, 2005, from Dr. Jürgen Hambrecht, Chairman of BASF.*
(a)(5)	Letter to Barry W. Perry, dated December 21, 2005, from Dr. Jürgen Hambrecht, Chairman of BASF.*
(a)(6)	Letter to Barry W. Perry, dated December 22, 2005, from Dr. Jürgen Hambrecht, Chairman of BASF.*
(a)(7)	Letter to Barry W. Perry, dated December 27, 2005, from Dr. Jürgen Hambrecht, Chairman of BASF.*
(a)(8)	Letter to the Board of Directors of Engelhard Corporation, dated January 3, 2006, from Dr. Jürgen Hambrecht, Chairman of BASF.*
(a)(9)	Letter to Dr. Jürgen Hambrecht, Chairman of BASF, dated January 23, 2006, from Barry W. Perry, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Engelhard Corporation.*
(a)(10)	Press release, dated January 27, 2006.*
(a)(11)	Investor Presentation entitled “Engelhard Response to BASF Offer”.*
(a)(12)	Press release, dated February 2, 2006 (incorporated by reference to Form 8-K filed with the SEC on February 2, 2006).
(a)(13)	Conference Call Transcript (incorporated by reference to Form 8-K filed with the SEC on February 6, 2006).
(a)(14)	Press release, dated February 6, 2006 (incorporated by reference to Form 8-K filed with the SEC on February 6, 2006).
(a)(15)	Press release, dated February 8, 2006 (incorporated by reference to Form 8-K filed with the SEC on February 8, 2006).

(a)(16) Press release, dated February 16, 2006 (incorporated by reference to Form 8-K filed with the SEC on February 16, 2006).

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Exhibit No.	Description
(e)(1)	Rights Agreement, dated as of October 1, 1998 between the Company and ChaseMellon Shareholder Services, L.L.C., as Rights Agent (incorporated by reference to Form 8-K filed with the SEC on October 29, 1998).
(e)(2)	Employment Agreement for Barry W. Perry, effective August 2, 2001 (incorporated by reference to Form 10-Q filed with the SEC on August 13, 2001).
(e)(3)	Amendment to Employment Agreement for Barry W. Perry, effective February 13, 2002 (incorporated by reference to Form 10-K filed with the SEC on March 21, 2002).
(e)(4)	Amendment to Employment Agreement for Barry W. Perry, effective February 3, 2005 (incorporated by reference to Form 8-K filed with the SEC on February 3, 2005).
(e)(5)	2004 Share Performance Incentive Plan for Barry W. Perry, effective February 12, 2004 (incorporated by reference to Form 10-K filed with the SEC on March 11, 2004).
(e)(6)	Engelhard Corporation Form of Change in Control Agreement (incorporated by reference to Form 10-Q filed with the SEC on May 8, 2003).
(e)(7)	Engelhard Corporation Annual Restricted Cash Incentive Compensation Plan, effective as of December 15, 2000 (incorporated by reference to Form 10-K filed with the SEC on March 30, 2001).
(e)(8)	Engelhard Corporation 2002 Long Term Incentive Plan, effective May 2, 2002 (incorporated by reference to the 2001 Proxy Statement filed with the SEC on March 26, 2002).
(e)(9)	Engelhard Corporation Stock Option Plan of 1991—conformed copy includes amendments through March 2002 (incorporated by reference to Form 10-K filed with the SEC on March 25, 2003).
(e)(10)	Engelhard Corporation Stock Option Plan of 1999 for Certain Key Employees (Non Section 16(b) Officers), effective February 1, 2001—conformed copy includes amendments through March 2001 (incorporated by reference to Form 10-K filed with the SEC on March 25, 2003).
(e)(11)	Deferred Compensation Plan for Key Employees of Engelhard Corporation, effective August 1, 1985—conformed copy includes amendments through October 2001 (incorporated by reference to Form 10-K filed with the SEC on March 25, 2003).
(e)(12)	Deferred Compensation Plan for Directors of Engelhard Corporation, as restated as of May 7, 1987—conformed copy includes amendments through December 2002 (incorporated by reference to Form 10-K filed with the SEC on March 25, 2003).

- (e)(13) Key Employees Stock Bonus Plan of Engelhard Corporation, effective July 1, 1986—conformed copy includes amendments through March 2002 (incorporated by reference to Form 10-K filed with the SEC on March 25, 2003).

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(e)(14)	Stock Bonus Plan for Non-Employee Directors of Engelhard Corporation, effective July 1, 1986—conformed copy includes amendments through October 1998 (incorporated by reference to Form 10-K filed with the SEC on March 25, 2003).
(e)(15)	Amendment to Key Employees Stock Bonus Plan of Engelhard Corporation Employees (incorporated by reference to Form 10-Q filed with the SEC on November 8, 2004).
(e)(16)	Engelhard Corporation Directors and Executives Deferred Compensation Plan (1986-1989)—conformed copy includes amendments through December 2001 (incorporated by reference to Form 10-K filed with the SEC on March 25, 2003).
(e)(17)	Engelhard Corporation Directors and Executives Deferred Compensation Plan (1990-1993)—conformed copy includes amendments through December 2001 (incorporated by reference to Form 10-K filed with the SEC on March 25, 2003).
(e)(18)	Retirement Plan for Directors of Engelhard Corporation, effective January 1, 1985—conformed copy includes amendments through April 2000 (incorporated by reference to Form 10-K filed with the SEC on March 25, 2003).
(e)(19)	Supplemental Retirement Program of Engelhard Corporation as amended and restated, effective January 1, 1989—conformed copy includes amendments through February 2001 (incorporated by reference to Form 10-K filed with the SEC on March 25, 2003).
(e)(20)	Amendment to the Supplemental Retirement Program of Engelhard Corporation, effective as of October 2, 2003 (incorporated by reference to Form 10-Q filed with the SEC on November 13, 2003).
(e)(21)	Supplemental Retirement Trust Agreement, effective April 2002 (incorporated by reference to Form 10-K filed with the SEC on March 25, 2003).
(e)(22)	Engelhard Corporation Directors Stock Option Plan as amended and restated, effective May 4, 1995—conformed copy includes amendments through March 2001 (incorporated by reference to Form 10-K filed with the SEC on March 25, 2003).
(e)(23)	Engelhard Corporation Employee Stock Option Plan as amended and restated, effective May 4, 1995 (incorporated by reference to Form 10-K filed with the SEC on March 25, 2003).
(e)(24)	Engelhard Corporation Deferred Stock Plan for Non-Employee Directors—conformed copy includes amendments made through December 2002 (incorporated by reference to Form 10-K filed with the SEC on March 25, 2003).
(e)(25)	Form of Stock Option Agreement used pursuant to the Engelhard Corporation Stock Option Plan of 1999 for Certain Key Employees (incorporated by reference

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to Form 10-Q filed with the SEC on August 6, 2004).

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Exhibit No.	Description
(e)(26)	Form of Stock Option Agreement used pursuant to the Engelhard Corporation 2002 Long Term Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to Form 10-Q filed with the SEC on August 6, 2004).
(e)(27)	Form of Restricted Share Unit Agreement used pursuant to the Engelhard Corporation 2002 Long Term Incentive Plan Employees (incorporated by reference to Form 10-Q filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 6, 2004).
(e)(28)	Change in Control Agreement for Edward Wolynic, effective January 21, 2006 (incorporated by reference to Form 8-K filed with the SEC on January 23, 2006).
(e)(29)	Salary Continuation Policy (incorporated by reference to Form 8-K filed with the SEC on January 23, 2006).
(e)(30)	Enhanced Salary Continuation Policy (incorporated by reference to Form 8-K filed with the SEC on January 23, 2006).
(e)(31)	Form of letter agreement (incorporated by reference to Form 8-K filed with the SEC on January 23, 2006).
(g)	Not applicable.
*	Filed previously.

SIGNATURE

After due inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this Statement is true, complete and correct.

E N G E L H A R D
CORPORATION

By: /s/ Michael A.

Sperduto

Name: Michael A.
Sperduto

Title: Vice
President and Chief
Financial

Officer

Dated: February 21, 2006