

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):
March 11, 2005

CHEMED CORPORATION
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other
jurisdiction of
incorporation)

1-8351
(Commission File Number)

31-0791746
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification
Number)

2600 Chemed Center, 255 East 5th Street, Cincinnati, OH
(Address of principal executive offices)

45202
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:
(513) 762-6900

Item 8.01 Other Events

On March 14, 2005, Chemed Corporation ("the Company") issued a news release with respect to a 2-1 split of the Company's capital stock. The Company is furnishing this 8-K pursuant to Item 8.01 "Other Events."

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

- c) Exhibits
(99.1) Registrant's press release dated March 14, 2005.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

CHEMED CORPORATION

Dated: March 14, 2005

By: /s/ Arthur V. Tucker, Jr.

Arthur V. Tucker, Jr.
Vice President and Controller

Chemed Corporation Announces Two-for-One Stock Split

CINCINNATI--(BUSINESS WIRE)--March 14, 2005--Chemed Corporation ("Chemed") (NYSE:CHE) today announced that its Board of Directors approved a 2-for-1 stock split in the form of a 100% stock dividend to shareholders of record at the close of business on April 22, 2005. Chemed shareholders will receive one additional share for each share held on that date. This stock split will not change the proportionate interest a shareholder maintains in the company. The additional shares will be distributed by direct registration on or after May 11, 2005.

Listed on the New York Stock Exchange and headquartered in Cincinnati, Ohio, Chemed Corporation (www.chemed.com) operates two wholly owned subsidiaries: VITAS Healthcare and Roto-Rooter. VITAS is the nation's largest provider of end-of-life hospice care and Roto-Rooter is the nation's leading provider of plumbing and drain cleaning services.

Statements in this press release or in other Chemed communications may relate to future events or Chemed's future performance. Such statements are forward-looking statements and are based on present information Chemed has related to its existing business circumstances. Investors are cautioned that such forward-looking statements are subject to inherent risk that actual results may differ materially from such forward-looking statements. Further, investors are cautioned that Chemed does not assume any obligation to update forward-looking statements based on unanticipated events or changed expectations.

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