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SHELLS SEAFOOD RESTAURANTS INC  
Form 8-K  
February 17, 2006

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) February 16, 2006

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

SHELLS SEAFOOD RESTAURANTS, INC.

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| Delaware  | 0-28258                     | 65-0427966                              |
| -----   | -----                       | -----                                   |
| (State or other jurisdiction<br>of incorporation) | (Commission<br>File Number) | (I.R.S. Employer<br>Identification No.) |

16313 N. Dale Mabry Hwy, Suite 100, Tampa, FL

33618

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(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (813) 961-0944

Not Applicable

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition Shells Seafood Restaurants, Inc. today issued a press release announcing its financial results for the fourth quarter and fiscal year ended January 1, 2006. Included in the press release issued by the Company and furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1 are certain non-GAAP financial measures. Management of the Company believes such non-GAAP financial measures are useful to investors assessing the financial

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condition and results of operations of the Company's core business operations because they exclude results which management believes are atypical and unlikely to occur with regularity in the future

A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report and is incorporated herein by reference.

This information, including the press release filed as Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed to be "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 nor shall it be deemed to be incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933.

### 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.

Dated: February 16, 2006

SHELLS SEAFOOD RESTAURANTS, INC.

By: /s/ Leslie J. Christon

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Leslie J. Christon  
President and CEO

### Exhibit

99.1 Press Release dated February 16, 2006