ECC Capital CORP Form 8-K March 22, 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):

March 16, 2006

ECC Capital Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

001-32430

(Commission

File Number)

Maryland

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1833 Alton Parkway, Irvine, California

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code:

Not Applicable

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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(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

92606

(Zip Code)

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<u>Top of the Form</u> Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On March 16, 2006, the registrant and Friedman, Billings, Ramsey Group, Inc. ("Friedman") entered into a letter of amendment (the "Letter of Amendment") amending that certain Registration Rights Agreement dated as of February 14, 2005, by and among Friedman, Milestone Advisors LLC and the registrant (the "Registration Rights Agreement"). The Letter of Amendment extends the "Filing Deadline" to April 30, 2006. The Registration Rights Agreement was filed as Exhibit 10.49 to the registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-11 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 10, 2005. The Letter of Amendment is filed as Exhibit 10.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

10.1 Letter of Amendment to Registration Rights Agreement dated as of March 16, 2006, by and between Friedman Billings, Ramsey Group, Inc. and ECC Capital Corporation.

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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 hereunto duly authorized.

ECC Capital Corporation

March 22, 2006

By: /s/ Shahid S. Asghar

Name: Shahid S. Asghar Title: President & Co-Chief Executive Officer

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Description
Letter of Amendment to Registration Rights Agreement dated as of March 16, 2006, by and between Friedman Billings, Ramsey Group, Inc. and ECC Capital Corporation.