

BENCHMARK ELECTRONICS INC

Form 8-K

February 10, 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 9, 2006**

**BENCHMARK ELECTRONICS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

**1-10560**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**74-2211011**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**3000 Technology Drive, Angleton, Texas**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**77515**  
(Zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(979) 849-6550**

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Item 8.01. Other Events.

On February 9, 2006, Donald E. Nigbor, Chairman of Benchmark Electronics, Inc. ( Benchmark ) adopted a pre-arranged stock trading plan to sell shares of Benchmark stock. This plan was established as part of his individual long-term strategy for asset diversification and liquidity. Mr. Nigbor s plan was adopted in accordance with guidelines specified under Rule 10b5-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

Under the plan Mr. Nigbor may sell up to 414,800 shares of Benchmark stock beginning February 10, 2006. This plan is scheduled to terminate at the latest on November 10, 2006. The transactions under the plan will be disclosed publicly through Form 144 and Form 4 or Form 5, as appropriate, with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Rule 10b5-1 permits individuals who are not in possession of material, non-public information at the time the plan is adopted to establish pre-arranged plans to buy or sell company stock. Using these plans, individuals can prudently and gradually diversify their investment portfolios over an extended period of time.

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.

BENCHMARK ELECTRONICS, INC.

Dated: February 9, 2006

By: /s/ CARY T. FU  
Cary T. Fu  
Chief Executive Officer