

WESTLAKE CHEMICAL CORP  
Form 8-K  
March 28, 2006

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**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 23, 2006

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**WESTLAKE CHEMICAL CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

**001-32260**  
(Commission File Number)

**76-0346924**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**2801 Post Oak Boulevard, Suite 600**  
**Houston, Texas**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**77056**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (713) 960-9111

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**Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement**

The disclosures in Item 5.02 below are incorporated by reference into this Item 1.01.

**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers**

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In a press release dated March 23, 2006, Westlake Chemical Corporation (the Company) announced that John Daniel Gibbons joined the Company as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer on March 23, 2006. Mr. Gibbons accepted the Company's offer letter on March 17, 2006, which includes provisions for annual base pay of \$325,000.00, annual cash bonus target of 40% of annual base pay and annual long-term incentive award targets, along with standard employee benefits provisions.

Mr. Gibbons began his professional career as a CPA with Deloitte where he provided services to oil and gas clients in Houston. From 1981 to 2003 he was employed by Valero Energy Corporation in San Antonio where he held increasingly responsible accounting and financial management positions including Treasurer, Vice President, Finance and Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. After leaving Valero in 2003 and until joining the Company, he has been in private business in San Antonio.

There are no arrangements or understandings between Mr. Gibbons and any other person pursuant to which he was selected as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. The Company is not aware of any transaction in which Mr. Gibbons has an interest requiring disclosure under Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K.

The foregoing description of Mr. Gibbons's offer letter does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text, which is filed as Exhibit 10.1 to this report and is incorporated by reference herein.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits

10.1+ Offer letter to Mr. Gibbons dated March 16, 2006.

99.1 Press release dated March 23, 2006.

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+ Management contract, compensatory plan or arrangement.

**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.

**WESTLAKE CHEMICAL CORPORATION**

By: /s/ Albert Chao  
Albert Chao  
President and Chief Executive Officer

Date: March 28, 2006