

HELEN OF TROY LTD  
Form 8-K  
April 26, 2005

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**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): April 21, 2005

**HELEN OF TROY LIMITED**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

BERMUDA  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

001-14669  
(Commission  
File Number)

74-2692550  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

CLARENDON HOUSE  
CHURCH STREET  
HAMILTON, BERMUDA  
(Business address of registrant)

ONE HELEN OF TROY PLAZA  
EL PASO, TEXAS 79912  
(United States mailing address of registrant)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (915) 225-8000

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



**ITEM 1.01. ENTRY INTO A MATERIAL DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT**

On April 21, 2005, Helen of Troy Limited (the "Company") and Gerald J. Rubin, the Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer, and President of the Company, executed an amendment to that certain Amended and Restated Employment Agreement between the Company and Mr. Rubin dated March 1, 1999 (the "Agreement"). The amendment to the Agreement is effective as of April 15, 2005 and made the following changes:

1. The term of the Agreement was reduced from five years to three years, renewing on a daily basis for a new three-year term as currently provided in the original Agreement.
2. Reduced the period for annual severance payouts from five years to three years. The formula for calculating the amount of the annual severance payments required by the Agreement remains unchanged.

The foregoing is qualified in its entirety by reference to the amendment to the Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit 10.1 and incorporated by reference herein.

**ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS**

(c) EXHIBITS.

The following exhibits are furnished with this report on Form 8-K:

| Exhibit No. | Description.  |
|-------------|---|
| 10.1        | Amendment to Amended and Restated Employment Agreement between Helen of Troy Limited and Gerald J. Rubin dated March 1, 1999. |

**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.

HELEN OF TROY LIMITED

April 26, 2005  
Date

By: /s/ Thomas J. Benson

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Thomas J. Benson  
Senior Vice President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer

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