

HEPALIFE TECHNOLOGIES INC

Form 8-K

March 17, 2006

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

March 13, 2006

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

HEPALIFE TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Florida

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

000-29819

(Commission File Number)

58-2349413

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

1628 West 1st Avenue, Suite 216, Vancouver, British Columbia, V6J 1G1

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(Address of principal executive offices)

(800) 518-4879

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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SECTION 1. Registrant's Business and Operations

None.

SECTION 2. Financial Information

None.

SECTION 3. Securities and Trading Markets

None.

SECTION 4. Matters Related to Accountants and Financial Statements

Item 4.01 Changes in Registrant's Certifying Accountant.

(a) Previous independent registered public accounting firm.

Effective March 13, 2006, the Company dismissed Ernst & Young, LLP, as its independent auditor. The change in the Company's auditors was recommended and approved by the board of directors of the Company.

Effective May 5, 2005, the Company engaged Ernst & Young, LLP, as its independent registered public accounting firm as a result of a transaction which the Company believes occurred on May 3, 2005, pursuant to which Moore Stephens Ellis Foster Ltd., Chartered Accountants, (the Company's prior auditing firm) entered into an agreement with Ernst & Young LLP (Canada) under which certain assets of Ellis Foster were sold to Ernst & Young and the professional staff and partners of Ellis Foster joined Ernst & Young either as employees or partners of Ernst & Young and carried on their practice as members of Ernst & Young. The Company filed a current report on Form 8-K reporting this change in auditors.

Since its engagement, effective May 5, 2005, Ernst & Young, LLP has not performed any audits of our financial statements.

The audit reports of Moore Stephens, on the Company's financial statements for the last two fiscal years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003, did not contain an adverse opinion or disclaimer of opinion and were not qualified or modified as to audit scope or accounting principles. However, the reports of Moore Stephens for the last two fiscal years included an explanatory paragraph with respect to uncertainty as to the Company's ability to continue as a going concern.

During the Company's two most recent fiscal years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003, and subsequent interim period through March 13, 2006, there were no disagreements with Moore Stephens on any matter of accounting principles or practices, financial statement disclosure or auditing scope or procedures, which disagreements, if not

resolved to the satisfaction of Moore Stephens, would have caused it to make reference to such disagreements in its reports. There were no reportable events as defined in Item 304(a)(1) of Regulation S-B.

During the period from May 5, 2005 through March 13, 2006, there were no disagreements with Ernst & Young on any matter of accounting principles or practices, financial statement disclosure or auditing scope or procedures, which disagreements, if not resolved to the satisfaction of Ernst & Young, would have caused it to make reference to such disagreements in its reports. There were no reportable events as defined in Item 304(a)(1) of Regulation S-B.

The Company provided Ernst & Young, LLP with a copy of this report prior to filing it with the Securities and Exchange Commission and requested Ernst & Young, LLP to furnish the Company with a letter addressed to the Securities and Exchange Commission stating whether Ernst & Young, LLP agrees with the above statements made by the Company in this report. The Company was orally advised that Ernst & Young will provide such letter within 10 days of the date hereof.

(b) New independent public accountants.

On March 13, 2006, and effective the same date, on the recommendation of the Company's board of directors, the Company engaged Peterson Sullivan, PLLC as its independent registered public accounting firm to audit the Company's financial statements for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2005 and to perform procedures related to the financial statements included in the Company's quarterly reports on Form 10-QSB, beginning with the quarter ended March 31, 2006.

During the two most recent fiscal years and through March 13, 2006, the Company has not consulted with Peterson Sullivan PLLC regarding either the application of accounting principles to a specified transaction, either completed or proposed, or the type of audit opinion that might be rendered on the financial statements of the Company, as well as any matters or reportable events described in Item 304(a)(2) of Regulation S-B.

SECTION 5. Corporate Governance and Management

None.

SECTION 6. [Reserved]

N/A.

SECTION 7. Regulation FD

None.

SECTION 8. Other Events

None.

SECTION 9. Financial Statements and Exhibits

None.

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.

HEPALIFE TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

/s/ Harmel S. Rayat

Harmel S. Rayat

President and CEO

Date: March 17, 2006
