

SENSIENT TECHNOLOGIES CORP

Form 8-K

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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**

**March 30, 2007**

**(Date of Report/Date of earliest event reported)**

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**SENSIENT TECHNOLOGIES CORPORATION**  
**RETIREMENT EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

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**WISCONSIN**  
**(State or other jurisdiction**

**of incorporation)**

**1-7626**  
**(Commission File Number)**

**777 East Wisconsin Avenue**

**Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202-5304**

**(Address and zip code of principal executive offices)**

**(414) 271-6755**

**(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)**

**39-0561070**  
**(IRS Employer**

**Identification No.)**

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N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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  - .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**ITEM 4.01. Changes in Registrant's Certifying Accountant.**

On March 30, 2007, the Sensient Technologies Corporation Retirement Employee Stock Ownership Plan (the Plan) dismissed Virchow, Krause & Company, LLP (Virchow, Krause) and appointed Ernst & Young LLP (E&Y) as the Plan's independent registered public accounting firm for the Plan for the year ended December 31, 2006. Virchow, Krause remained as the Plan's independent registered public accounting firm until the appointment of E&Y. The change in accounting firm was approved by the Plan's investment committee which administers the Plan. A change in the Plan's independent registered public accounting firm appointing Virchow, Krause for the year ended December 31, 2005, was previously reported in a Form 8-K dated as of April 6, 2006, which is incorporated herein by reference.

The principal accountants' reports on the Plan's most recent two financial statements did not contain an adverse or disclaimer of opinion, nor were they qualified or modified as to uncertainty, audit scope or accounting principles. Furthermore, during the Plan's two most recent fiscal years and any subsequent interim period, there have been no disagreements over any matter of accounting principles or practices, financial statement disclosure, or auditing scope or procedure, which disagreements, if not resolved to the satisfaction of the former accountants, would have caused them to make reference to such matter of the disagreements in their reports on the financial statements for such years.

The Plan provided a copy of the foregoing disclosures to Virchow, Krause prior to the filing of this report and requested that Virchow, Krause furnish it with a letter addressed to the Securities and Exchange Commission stating whether or not it agrees with the above disclosures. A copy of the letter furnished in response to that request is filed as Exhibit 16 to this report.

During the Plan's two most recent fiscal years and any subsequent interim period, neither the Plan nor anyone acting on its behalf consulted with E&Y regarding any of the matters or events described in Items 304(a)(2)(i) and (ii) of Regulation S-K. The Company has authorized Virchow, Krause to respond fully to any inquiries by E&Y regarding matters related to the earlier financial statements.

**Item 9.01. Exhibits**

Exhibit 16 Letter of Virchow, Krause & Company, LLP

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.

SENSIENT TECHNOLOGIES CORPORATION  
RETIREMENT EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP  
PLAN

(Registrant)

By: /s/ John L. Hammond  
Name: John L. Hammond  
Title: Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel of  
Sensient Technologies Corporation

Date: April 4, 2007