RITCHIE BROS AUCTIONEERS INC Form 6-K May 02, 2006

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 20549

Form 6-K REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER PURSUANT TO RULE 13A-16 OR 15D-16 UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 For the month of May 2006

> Commission File Number: 001-13425 **Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers Incorporated** 6500 River Road Richmond, BC, Canada V6X 4G5 (604) 273 7564 (Address of principal executive offices)

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EXHIBIT INDEX

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99.1 Press release dated May 2, 2006 reporting the Company s results as at and the for the quarter ended March 31, 2006

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, thereunto duly authorized.

Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers Incorporated

(Registrant)

Date: May 1, 2006

By:

/s/ Robert S. Armstrong Robert S. Armstrong, Corporate Secretary