

FORD MOTOR CO
Form 8-K
July 17, 2006

**UNITED STATES
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

Date of Report: July 13, 2006
(Date of earliest event reported)

FORD MOTOR COMPANY
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-3950
(Commission File Number)

38-0549190
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

One American Road, Dearborn, Michigan
(Address of principal executive offices)

48126
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code 313-322-3000

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- ☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- ☐ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 140.14a-12)
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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 8.01 Other Events.

Our news release dated July 13, 2006 concerning dividend actions taken by our board of directors, filed as Exhibit 99 to this report, is incorporated by reference herein.

In addition, on July 14, 2006, Moody's Investors Service ("Moody's") took, among others, the following actions with regard to the credit ratings assigned to Ford Motor Company ("Ford") and Ford Motor Credit Company ("Ford Credit"):

- Lowered Ford's long-term debt rating to B2 from Ba3;
- Lowered Ford Credit's long-term debt rating to Ba3 from Ba2; and
- Maintained a negative outlook for Ford and Ford Credit.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

EXHIBITS

<u>Designation</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Method of Furnishing</u>
Exhibit 99	News Release dated July 13, 2006	Filed with this Report

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.

FORD MOTOR COMPANY
(Registrant)

Date: July 17, 2006

By: /s/Kathryn S. Lamping
Kathryn S. Lamping
Assistant Secretary

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Exhibit 99	News Release dated July 13, 2006