

FORD MOTOR CO
Form 8-K
January 12, 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: January 11, 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

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

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On January 11, 2006, Moody's Investors Service ("Moody's") took, among other actions, the following actions with regard to the credit ratings assigned to Ford Motor Company ("Ford") and to Ford Motor Credit Company ("Ford Credit"):

- Lowered Ford's long-term debt rating to Ba3 from Ba1;
- Lowered Ford Credit's long-term debt rating to Ba2 from Baa3, and Ford Credit's short-term debt rating to Not Prime from Prime-3; and
- Maintained a Negative outlook for Ford and Ford Credit.

Accordingly, the following chart summarizes the present credit ratings and outlook for Ford and Ford Credit assigned by the four nationally recognized statistical rating organizations that rate Ford's and Ford Credit's debt:

| | DBRS | | | Fitch | | | Moody's | | | S&P | | |
|-------------|---------------|----------------|----------|-----------|------------|----------|-----------|------------|----------|-----------|------------|---|
| | Long-Term | Short-Term | Trend | Long-Term | Short-Term | Outlook | Long-Term | Short-Term | Outlook | Long-Term | Short-Term | C |
| Ford | BB (high)* | R-3 (high)* | Negative | BB+ | B | Negative | Ba3 | N/A | Negative | BB- | B-2 | N |
| Ford Credit | BBB (low)* | R-2 (low)* | Negative | BB+ | B | Negative | Ba2 | Not Prime | Negative | BB- | B-2 | N |

* Placed under review with negative implications on December 16, 2005.

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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: January 12, 2006

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