

MEXICAN RESTAURANTS INC

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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 (Date of earliest event reported): June 26, 2006



MEXICAN RESTAURANTS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Texas
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

000-28234
(Commission
File Number)

76-0493269
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

1135 EDGEBROOK, HOUSTON, TEXAS 77034-1899
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code): **(713) 943-7574**

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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 June 26, 2006, Mexican Restaurants, Inc. issued a press release announcing that the Company has been included on the sixth annual FORTUNE Small Business 100 list of the fastest-growing small companies in America. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

The following is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K:

99.1 Mexican Restaurants, Inc. press release dated June 26, 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 hereunto duly authorized.

MEXICAN RESTAURANTS, INC.

Date: June 28, 2006

By: /s/ Andrew J. Dennard

Name: Andrew J. Dennard

Title: Executive Vice President, Chief Financial
Officer, Treasurer and Corporate Secretary

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FORTUNE SMALL BUSINESS RANKS MEXICAN RESTAURANTS, INC. ONE OF AMERICA'S FASTEST-GROWING SMALL COMPANIES

Houston, TX, June 26, 2006 - FORTUNE Small Business announced today that Mexican Restaurants, Inc. (NASDAQ:CASA), has been included on the sixth annual FSB 100 list of the fastest-growing small companies in America. The list, which is comprised of public companies, appears in the July/August issue of FORTUNE Small Business and is available at FSB.com. Mexican Restaurants, Inc. was listed as 99th on the FORTUNE Small Business 100.

"We are honored to be recognized on a national stage as one of America's leading small companies with the FSB 100 listing," said Curt Glowacki, President and Chief Executive Officer of Mexican Restaurants, Inc. "Three years ago, our leadership team implemented a turnaround plan that has produced unprecedented growth for our company. That plan has been successful for both our customers and shareholders and this recognition further validates that we're on the right track."

California tops the list of the states with the most companies on the FORTUNE Small Business 100 with 18 companies, followed by Texas with 12, New York with eight and New Jersey with seven.

To compile the sixth annual list, FORTUNE Small Business asked financial research firm Zacks to rank public companies with revenues less than \$200 million and a stock price of more than \$1, based on their percentage growth in earnings, revenue, and stock performance over the past three years. Banks and real estate firms were excluded.

About Mexican Restaurants, Inc.

Mexican Restaurants, Inc. (NASDAQ:CASA), based in Houston, Texas, operates 80 Mexican restaurants (61 Company-operated, 18 franchises and one licensed). The current system includes six brands: Casa Olé, Monterey's Tex Mex Café, Monterey's Little Mexico, Tortuga Mexican Kitchen, La Senorita and Crazy Jose's. The Company enjoyed annual sales exceeding \$81 million in 2005 and employs more than 3,000 employees across four states. For more information, please visit www.mexicanrestaurantsinc.com.

Special Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause the actual results, performance or achievements of the Company to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Such factors include, among others, the following: growth strategy; dependence on executive officers; geographic concentration; increasing susceptibility to adverse conditions in the region; changes in consumer tastes and eating habits; national, regional or local economic and real estate conditions; demographic trends; inclement weather; traffic patterns; the type, number and location of competing restaurants; inflation; increased food, labor and benefit costs; the availability of experienced management and hourly employees; seasonality and the timing of new restaurant openings; changes in governmental regulations; dram shop exposure; and other factors not yet experienced by the Company. The use of words such as "believes", "anticipates", "expects", "intends" and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements, but are not the exclusive means of identifying such statements. Readers are urged to carefully review and consider the various disclosures made by the Company in this release and in the Company's most recent Annual Report and Form 10-K, that attempt to advise interested parties of the risks and factors that may affect the Company's business.