

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities  
Exchange Act of 1934

May 8, 1997

(Date of Report, date of earliest event reported)

VALHI, INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its  
charter)

Delaware	1-5467	87-0110150
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)
5430 LBJ Freeway, Suite 1700, Dallas, TX		75240-2697
Address of principal executive offices)		(Zip Code)

(972) 233-1700

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not applicable

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

Item 5: Other Events

On May 8, 1997, the Registrant issued the press release attached hereto  
as Exhibit 99.1 which is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 7: Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information  
and Exhibits

(c) Exhibit

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99.1 Press release dated May 8, 1997  
issued by the Registrant

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.

VALHI, INC.  
(Registrant)

By:/s/ Steven L. Watson  
Steven L. Watson  
Vice President & Secretary

Date: May 8, 1997

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PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

VALHI, INC.  
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VALHI DECLARES QUARTERLY DIVIDEND AND  
HOLDS ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

DALLAS, TEXAS . . . May 8, 1997 . . . Valhi, Inc. (NYSE: VHI) announced today that its board of directors has declared a regular quarterly dividend of five cents (\$0.05) per share on its common stock, payable on June 30, 1997 to stockholders of record at the close of business on June 20, 1997.

Valhi also announced that five directors of the Company were elected for terms of one year at its annual stockholders meeting held today. The directors of the Company are: Norman S. Edelcup, Kenneth R. Ferris, Glenn R. Simmons, Harold C. Simmons and J. Walter Tucker, Jr.

Valhi is engaged in the chemicals, component products and waste management industries.

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