

BAYER AKTIENGESELLSCHAFT  
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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 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: 001-16829

**Bayer Aktiengesellschaft  
Bayer Corporation\***

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

**Bayerwerk, Gebaeude W11  
Kaiser-Wilhelm-Allee  
51368 Leverkusen  
Germany**

(Address of principal executive office)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

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\* Bayer Corporation is also the name of a wholly-owned subsidiary of the registrant in the United States.

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**Exhibit  
List**

**Description**

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| 99.1 | English translation of notice published in the <i>Börsen-Zeitung</i> on May 18, 2006                              |
| 99.2 | Press Release issued in Germany on May 18, 2006   |
| 99.3 | Listing Prospectus for Bayer Capital Corporation B.V.<br>6.625% Subordinated Mandatory Convertible Bonds due 2009 |
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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, thereunto duly authorized.

BAYER AKTIENGESELLSCHAFT  
(REGISTRANT)

By: /s/ Dr. Roland Hartwig

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Name: Dr. Roland Hartwig  
Title: General Counsel

By: /s/ Dr. Alexander Rosar

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Name: Dr. Alexander Rosar  
Title: Head of Investor Relations

Date: May 18, 2006

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