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 –October 19, 2005

(Date of earliest event reported)

HONEYWELL INTERNATIONAL INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its Charter)

DELAWARE (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-89/4 (Commission File Number) 22-2640650 (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

101 COLUMBIA ROAD, P.O. BOX 4000, MORRISTOWN, NEW JERSEY (Address of principal executive offices)

07962-2497 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (973) 455-2000

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

ITEM 2.02 DISCLOSURE OF RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION.

EARNINGS RELEASE.

Honeywell International Inc. will hold its third quarter 2005 earnings release conference call on Wednesday, October 19th at 8:00 a.m. Eastern Time. The earnings release was distributed on BusinessWire approximately one hour prior to the conference call. Interested investors may access the conference call by dialing (706) 643-7681 or through a World Wide Web simulcast available at the "Investor Relations" section of the company's website (http://www.honeywell.com/investor). Related presentation materials will also be posted to the Investor Relations section of the website prior to the conference call. Investors are advised to log on to the website at least 15 minutes prior to the conference call to allow sufficient time for downloading any necessary software.

Honeywell International Inc. issued its third quarter 2005 earnings release on October 19th, which is attached as an exhibit to this report.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

- (d) Exhibits
- 99 News Release of Honeywell Third Quarter Sales dated October 19, 2005.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: October 19, 2005 HONEYWELL INTERNATIONAL INC.

By: /s/ Thomas F. Larkins
Thomas F. Larkins
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Deputy General Counsel

News Release

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HONEYWELL THIRD QUARTER SALES UP 8% TO \$6.9 BILLION; EARNINGS UP 28% TO 55 CENTS PER SHARE

Company Realizes 5% Organic Growth and a Full Point of Margin Expansion

MORRIS TOWNSHIP, N.J., October 19, 2005 -- Honeywell (NYSE: HON) today announced an 8% increase in third quarter sales to \$6.9 billion compared to \$6.4 billion in 2004. The company reported earnings of 55 cents per share in the third quarter, an increase of 28 percent versus 43 cents per share in the third quarter of 2004. Net income was \$470 million for the quarter compared with \$372 million last year. Cash flow from operations was \$705 million and free cash flow (cash flow from operations less capital expenditures) was \$543 million.

"This was another strong quarter for Honeywell, highlighted by 5% organic growth and a full point of margin expansion," said Honeywell Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Dave Cote. "We continued to make significant progress in positioning the business for growth. We announced our intent to acquire the remaining 50 percent interest in our UOP joint venture, a leading technology provider to the petroleum refining, petrochemical and gas processing industries. In addition, we are divesting our non-core U.S. nylon carpet fiber operations. Both transactions are expected to close in the fourth quarter and will substantially complete the portfolio transformation of our Specialty Materials business. We also reached a definitive agreement to sell Indalex Aluminum Solutions, one of the two non-core Novar businesses, at terms that are in line with prior expectations."

The company also updated its previously announced 2005 financial guidance. Sales for the full year are anticipated to be up 8% to approximately \$27.6 billion and free cash flow is expected to be \$1.7 – \$1.8 billion (cash flow from operations of \$2.5 - \$2.6 billion). Earnings per share (excluding the tax charge associated with the repatriation of foreign earnings related to the provisions of the American Jobs Creation Act of 2004) is expected to be \$2.11 - \$2.13 (\$1.93 - \$1.95 per share on a reported basis), up 30% on a reported basis.

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Third Quarter Segment Highlights

Aerospace

- Sales were up 6% compared with the third quarter of 2004, with 9% growth in commercial markets and 3% growth in defense and space sales.
- Segment margins were 16.8% compared with 15.4% a year ago, due to strong volume growth.
- Aerospace received European Aviation Safety Agency certification for its Runway Awareness and Advisory System (RAAS) on a range of business aviation aircraft. French regulatory authorities also approved RAAS for the Boeing 777 aircraft.
- Defense and Space delivered RDR-4000M, the first of its next-generation weather radar systems, to the United States Air Force for installation in a C-17 Globemaster III. This system is the military variant of the commercial RDR-4000 system, selected for the new Airbus A380, and recently selected for Singapore Airlines new fleet of Boeing 777's.
- Defense and Space was selected by Bell Helicopter to provide the HTS900 engine, the Radar Altimeter and the Embedded Global Positioning System/Inertial Navigation System for the Armed Reconnaissance Helicopter.

Automation and Control Solutions

- Sales were up 23% compared with the third quarter of 2004, driven by organic sales growth of 4%, primarily in the Security and Life Safety businesses, and the impact of acquisitions of 19%.
- Segment margins were 12.3% compared with 11.8% a year ago, as productivity gains more than offset the anticipated dilutive impact of acquisitions. Excluding the impact of acquisitions, segment margins would have expanded to 12.8%.
- VisionPROTM and FocusPROTM, the award-winning centerpieces of Honeywell's new thermostat offerings, continued to experience strong customer acceptance, which helped drive 15% growth in the North American trade channel of the Environmental and Combustion Controls business.
- Building Solutions signed energy savings performance contracts totaling more than \$50 million in the third quarter, including Altus Air Force Base in Oklahoma and Rochester, N.H. schools, and introduced Honeywell MiniRetrofitTM Service, a new facility-optimization program that allows building managers in the commercial/industrial sector to replace aging infrastructure with high-efficiency equipment and systems.
- Process Solutions won a \$48 million agreement to provide comprehensive e-retail solutions to the Indian Oil Corporation Ltd and the Hindustan Petroleum Corporation, as well as a \$10 million five-year oil and gas process automation solutions contract to service four Sonatrach sites in Algeria.

Transportation Systems

• Sales were flat compared with the third quarter of 2004, due to a shift in European consumer demand among automotive platforms and the impact of

slightly lower European light vehicle production on Turbo Technologies sales, offset by continued growth in North America.

Segment margins were 11.4%, compared with 13.0% a year ago, due to higher raw material costs, unfavorable mix, and the operational costs associated with the exit from Friction Materials' North American original equipment business, partially offset by productivity gains.

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- Turbo Technologies' third generation VNTTM was launched on the Audi A8 4.2 TDI, BMW 745d and the Mercedes S 420 CDI. These three flagship vehicles were introduced at the Frankfurt Motor Show in September.
- Consumer Products Group and Friction Materials have merged to form a single, global organization to better leverage worldwide sales and distribution capabilities and to realize greater operational efficiencies.

Specialty Materials

- Sales were down 12% compared with the third quarter of 2004, with 6% organic growth, primarily in the Chemicals and Nylon businesses, which was more than offset by the loss of sales from the divested Performance Fibers and Industrial Wax businesses.
- Segment margins were 7.5% compared with 4.3% a year ago, with price increases and productivity actions more than offsetting higher raw material costs
- Honeywell agreed to acquire the 50 percent interest in UOP LLC currently owned by Union Carbide, a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Dow Chemical Company, which will result in full ownership of the entity. UOP, a leading international supplier and licensor of process technology, catalysts, process plants and consulting services to the petroleum refining, petrochemical and gas processing industries, had revenue of \$1.2 billion in 2004. The transaction is expected to close in the fourth quarter of 2005.
- Specialty Materials agreed to sell its U.S nylon carpet fiber operations to Shaw Industries Group, Inc. The transaction is expected to close in the fourth quarter of 2005.

During the quarter the company recognized a pre-tax charge of \$110 million for repositioning, environmental, litigation, and other matters, which is net of a favorable \$67 million arbitration ruling.

Honeywell will discuss its results during its investor conference call today starting at 8:00 a.m. EDT. To participate, please dial (706) 643-7681 a few minutes before the 8:00 a.m. start. Please mention to the operator that you are dialing in for Honeywell's investor conference call. The live webcast of the investor call will be available through the "Investor Relations" section of the company's Website (http://www.honeywell.com/investor). Investors can access a replay of the webcast starting at 11:00 a.m. EST, October 19, until 5:00 p.m. EST, October 26, by dialing (706) 645-9291. The access code is 9943619. Honeywell International is a \$26 billion diversified technology and manufacturing leader, serving customers worldwide with aerospace products and services; control technologies for buildings, homes and industry; automotive products; turbochargers; and specialty materials. Based in Morris Township, N.J., Honeywell's shares are traded on the New York, London, Chicago and Pacific Stock Exchanges. It is one of the 30 stocks that make up the Dow Jones Industrial Average and is also a component of the Standard & Poor's 500 Index. For additional information, please visit www.honeywell.com.

This release contains certain statements that may be deemed "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. All statements, other than statements of historical fact, that address activities, events or developments that we or our management intends, expects, projects, believes or anticipates will or may occur in the future are forward-looking statements. Such statements are based upon certain assumptions and assessments made by our management in light of their experience and their perception of historical trends, current conditions, expected future developments and other factors they believe to be appropriate. The forward-looking statements included in this release are also subject to a number of material risks and uncertainties, including but not limited to economic, competitive, governmental, and technological factors affecting our operations, markets, products, services and prices. Such forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance, and actual results, developments and business decisions may differ from those envisaged by such forward-looking statements.

<u>Consolidated Statement of Operations (Unaudited)</u> (In millions except per share amounts)

	<u>Thre</u>	Three Months Ended September 30,				
	<u>.</u>	2005		2004		
Product sales	\$	5,593	\$	5,046		
Service sales		1,306		1,349		
		6,899	-	6,395		
Costs, expenses and other		2,022		3,575		
Cost of products sold		4,329 (A	.)	4,163 (C)		
Cost of services sold		962 (A	1	924 (C)		
Selling, general and administrative expenses		982 (A		820 (C)		
(Gain) loss on sale of non-strategic businesses		(21) (E	3)	(5) (D)		
Equity in (income) loss of affiliated companies		(22)		(24)		
Other (income) expense		_		(50) (E)		
Interest and other financial charges		83		81		
		6,313		5,909		
Income from continuing operations before taxes		586		486		
Tax expense		153		114		
Income from continuing operations		433		372		
Income from discontinued operations, net of taxes		37		_		
Net income	\$	470	\$	372		
Earnings per share of common stock - basic:						
Income from continuing operations	\$	0.51	\$	0.43		
Income from discontinued operations		0.04		_		
Net income	\$	0.55	\$	0.43		
Earnings per share of common stock - assuming dilution:						
Income from continuing operations	\$	0.51	\$	0.43		
Income from discontinued operations		0.04		_		
Net income	\$	0.55	\$	0.43		
Weighted average number of shares outstanding-basic		851		861		
Weighted average number of shares outstanding - assuming dilution		856		864		
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- (A) Cost of products and services sold and selling, general and administrative expenses include provisions of \$60 million (net of a credit of \$67 million for a favorable arbitration ruling) and \$50 million, respectively, for environmental, litigation, net repositioning and other charges (credits). Total net pretax charges were \$110 million (after-tax \$76 million, or \$0.09 per share).
- (B) Represents pretax adjustments related to businesses sold in prior periods (after-tax \$13 million, or \$0.02 per share).
- (C) Cost of products and services sold and selling, general and administrative expenses include provisions of \$100 and \$1 million, respectively, for environmental, litigation and net repositioning charges. Total net pretax charges were \$101 million (after-tax \$56 million, or \$0.06 per share).
- (D) Represents pretax adjustments related to businesses sold in prior periods (after-tax \$3 million, with no effect on earnings per share).
- (E) Includes a gain of \$27 million (after-tax \$17 million, or \$0.02 per share) related to the settlement of a patent infringement lawsuit.

<u>Consolidated Statement of Operations (Unaudited)</u> (In millions except per share amounts)

Nine Months Ended September 30, 2005 2004 16,411 15,015 Product sales Service sales 3,967 3,946 20,378 18,961 Costs, expenses and other Cost of products sold 13,003 (A) 12,461 (D) 2,784 (D) Cost of services sold 2,867 (A) Selling, general and administrative expenses 2,771 (A) 2,451 (D) (Gain) loss on sale of non-strategic businesses (11)(B)(270)(E)Equity in (income) loss of affiliated companies (82)(A)(48)(D)Other (income) expense (27)(A)(78)(F)Interest and other financial charges 247 260 18,781 17,547 1,597 1,414 Income from continuing operations before taxes Tax expense 527 (C) 386 1,070 1,028 Income from continuing operations Income from discontinued operations, net of taxes 65 Net income 1,135 1,028 Earnings per share of common stock - basic: 1.25 1.19 Income from continuing operations Income from discontinued operations 0.08 Net income 1.33 1.19 Earnings per share of common stock - assuming dilution: 1.25 1.19 Income from continuing operations Income from discontinued operations 0.08 Net income 1.33 1.19 Weighted average number of shares outstanding-basic 853 860 Weighted average number of shares outstanding - assuming dilution 857 864

- (A) Cost of products and services sold, selling, general and administrative expenses, equity in (income) loss of affiliated companies and other (income) expense include provisions of \$277 million (net of a credit of \$67 million for a favorable arbitration ruling), \$43, \$2 and \$10 million, respectively, for environmental, litigation, net repositioning and other charges (credits). Total net pretax charges were \$332 million (after-tax \$242 million, or \$0.28 per share).
- (B) Represents pretax adjustments related to businesses sold in prior periods; partially offset by the pretax loss related to the sale of our Industrial Wax business (after-tax gain \$57 million, or \$0.07 per share). The after-tax gain has been impacted by the higher tax basis than book basis on the sale of our Industrial Wax business.
- (C) Includes a tax provision of \$155 million, or \$0.18 per share for the repatriation of foreign earnings related to the provisions of the American Jobs Creation Act of 2004.
- (D) Cost of products and services sold, selling, general and administrative expenses and equity in (income) loss of affiliated companies include provisions of \$384, \$9 and \$6 million, respectively, for environmental, litigation, business impairment and net repositioning charges. Total net pretax charges were \$399 million (after-tax \$249 million, or \$0.29 per share).
- (E) Represents pretax gains on the sales of our VCSEL Optical Products and Security Monitoring businesses, and adjustments related to businesses sold in prior periods (after-tax \$147 million, or \$0.17 per share).
- (F) Includes a gain of \$27 million (after-tax \$17 million, or \$0.02 per share) related to the settlement of a patent infringement lawsuit.

Honeywell International Inc. <u>Segment Data (Unaudited)</u> (Dollars in millions)

		Periods Ended September 30,				
Net Sales		Three N	1onths		Nine M	<u>lonths</u>
		2005	2004	_	2005	2004
Aerospace	\$	2,619	\$ 2,46	8 !	\$ 7,772	\$ 7,225
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Automation and Control Solutions		2,445	1,99	4	6,824	5,909
Specialty Materials		773	87	6	2,369	2,633
Transportation Systems		1,061	1,05	7	3,412	3,193
Corporate		1	_		1	1
Total	\$	6,899	\$ 6,39	5	\$ 20,378	\$ 18,961
Segment Profit		Periods Ended September 30, Three Months Nine Mont 2005 2004 2005		-		
Aerospace	\$	439	\$ 37	9 :	\$ 1,234	\$ 1,053
Automation and Control Solutions		300	23	5	743	637
Specialty Materials		58	3	8	195	137
Transportation Systems		121	13	7	437	430
Corporate	_	(41)	(4	0)	(129)	(117)
Total Segment Profit		877	74	9	2,480	2,140
Gain on sale of non-strategic businesses		21		5	11	270
Equity in income of affiliated companies		22	2	4	82	48
Other income		_	5	0	27	78
Interest and other financial charges		(83)	(8	1)	(260)	(247)
Pension and other postretirement benefits (expense) (A)		(141)	(16	0)	(423)	(482)
Repositioning, environmental, litigation and other (charges) credits (A)		(110)	(10	1)	(320)	(393)
Income from continuing operations before taxes	\$	586	\$ 48		\$ 1,597	\$ 1,414
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(A) Amounts included in cost of products and services sold and selling, general and administrative expenses.

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Consolidated Balance Sheet (Unaudited) (Dollars in millions)

	September 30, 2005	December 31, 2004	
ASSETS			
Current assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,452	\$ 3,586	
Accounts, notes and other receivables	4,772	4,243	
Inventories	3,398	3,160	
Deferred income taxes	1,161	1,289	
Other current assets	564	542	
Assets held for disposal	1,222	_	
Total current assets	12,569	12,820	
Investments and long-term receivables	406	542	
Property, plant and equipment - net	4,335	4,331	
Goodwill	7,422	6,013	
Other intangible assets - net	1,586	1,241	
Insurance recoveries for asbestos related liabilities	1,288	1,412	
Deferred income taxes	738	613	
Prepaid pension benefit cost	2,803	2,985	
Other assets	1,059	1,105	
Total assets	\$ 32,206	\$ 31,062	
LIABILITIES AND SHAREOWNERS' EQUITY			
Current liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$ 2,627	\$ 2,564	
Short-term borrowings	61	28	
Commercial paper	425	220	
Current maturities of long-term debt	952	956	
Accrued liabilities	5,405	4,971	
Liabilities related to assets held for disposal	236	_	
Total current liabilities	9,706	8,739	
Long-term debt	3,972	4,069	
Deferred income taxes	530	397	
Postretirement benefit obligations other than pensions	1,685	1,713	
Asbestos related liabilities	1,618	2,006	
Other liabilities	3,320	2,886	
Shareowners' equity	11,375	11,252	
Total liabilities and shareowners' equity	\$ 32,206	\$ 31,062	

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Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows (Unaudited) (Dollars in millions)

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	(26)	69	(31)	186
Accrued liabilities	163	105	215	309
Net cash provided by operating activities	705	645	1,603	1,487
Cash flows from investing activities:				
Expenditures for property, plant and equipment	(162)	(120)	(456)	(403)
Proceeds from disposals of property, plant and equipment	14	10	39	12
Decrease in investments	_	-	285	80
Cash acquired in acquisition of Novar plc	-	-	86	-
Cash paid for acquisitions	(23)	(111)	(2,047)	(220)
Proceeds from sales of businesses	3	(3)	35	391
Net cash (used for) investing activities	(168)	(224)	(2,058)	(140)
Cash flows from financing activities:				
Net increase (decrease) in commercial paper	(299)	(75)	205	20
Net (decrease) in short-term borrowings	_	(2)	(693)	(126)
Proceeds from issuance of common stock	45	17	134	62
Payments of long-term debt	(5)	-	(148)	(23)
Repurchases of common stock	(579)	(50)	(579)	(342)
Cash dividends on common stock	(176)	(161)	(528)	(483)
Net cash (used for) financing activities	(1,014)	(271)	(1,609)	(892)
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents		51	(70)	28
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(477)	201	(2,134)	483
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	1,929	3,232	3,586	2,950
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 1,452	\$ 3,433	\$ 1,452	\$ 3,433

Reconciliation of Cash Provided by Operating Activities to Free Cash Flow (Unaudited) (Dollars in millions)

	Three Months Ended September 30,			Nine Months Ended September 30,				
	2	2005		2004	2005		2004	
Cash provided by operating activities	\$	705	\$	645	\$	1,603	\$	1,487
Expenditures for property, plant and equipment		(162)		(120)		(456)		(403)
Free cash flow	\$	543	\$	525	\$	1,147	\$	1,084

We define free cash flow as cash provided by operating activities, less cash expenditures for property, plant and equipment.

We believe that this metric is useful to investors and management as a measure of cash generated by business operations that will be used to repay scheduled debt maturities and can be used to invest in future growth through new business development activities or acquisitions, and to pay dividends, repurchase stock, or repay debt obligations prior to their maturities. This metric can also be used to evaluate our ability to generate cash flow from business operations and the impact that this cash flow has on our liquidity.