

AMERICAN VANGUARD CORP  
Form 8-K  
March 24, 2005

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF**  
**THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Date of Report (date of earliest event reported): March 18, 2005

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**AMERICAN VANGUARD CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**001-13795**  
Commission File Number

**95-2588080**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**4695 MacArthur Court**

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Newport Beach, California 92660

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number: (949) 260-1200

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 1.01. ENTRY INTO A MATERIAL DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT**

AMVAC Chemical Corporation, one of our subsidiaries, entered into a definitive License and Supply Agreement (the Agreement) with BASF Aktiengesellschaft that, by the terms of the Agreement, became effective on March 18, 2005. The Agreement was amended by the parties effective as of the same date. Pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Agreement, as amended, BASF granted to AMVAC certain rights with respect to certain patents and patent applications and certain proprietary intellectual property related to Topramezone, a new herbicide (the Compound). The rights granted to AMVAC under the Agreement include the non-exclusive right to further develop the Compound for a limited field of use, and to obtain registrations for and formulate certain products containing the Compound for such use in the United States and Canada. AMVAC also has the exclusive right to offer for sale, sell, promote and distribute such products in the United States and Canada. In consideration for the aforesaid rights, AMVAC must pay to BASF certain licensing fees. AMVAC is also obligated to purchase from BASF exclusively, AMVAC's requirements of the Compound technical grade of active ingredient, the manufacture of which is protected under certain BASF patents. The term of the Agreement is for a period not to exceed the expiration of a certain BASF patent or patent application related to the Compound. The Agreement also contains other provisions customary to transactions of this nature.

**Item 8.01. OTHER EVENTS**

On March 22, 2005, we issued a press release announcing that we entered into the Agreement. The full text of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS**

**(c) Exhibits**

Exhibit 99.1 Press release dated March 22, 2005 of American Vanguard Corporation.

**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.

**AMERICAN VANGUARD CORPORATION**  
(Registrant)

By: /s/ James A. Barry

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James A. Barry  
Senior Vice President  
Chief Financial Officer

Date: March 24, 2005

**INDEX TO EXHIBITS**

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Press release dated March 22, 2005 of American Vanguard Corporation announcing that it entered into a License and Supply Agreement and amendment thereto with BASF Aktiengesellschaft.