# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 20549

POST-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO FORM S-3 REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

## MERCURY COMPUTER SYSTEMS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Massachusetts (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) 04-2741391 (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

199 Riverneck Road Chelmsford, Massachusetts 01824 (978) 256-1300

(Address, including zip code and telephone number, including area code, of registrant's principal executive offices)

James R. Bertelli President and Chief Executive Officer Mercury Computer Systems, Inc. 199 Riverneck Road Chelmsford, Massachusetts 01824 (978) 256-1300

(Name, address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

Copies of all communications should be sent to:
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Goodwin Procter LLP
Exchange Place
Boston, Massachusetts 02109
(617) 570-1000

Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public: August 19, 2004

If the only securities being registered on this Form are being offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box.  $\Box$ 

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#### **DEREGISTRATION OF SECURITIES**

Mercury Computer Systems, Inc. (the "Company") filed a Registration Statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-118015) (the "Registration Statement") relating to the registration of \$125,000,000 principal amount of the Company's 2.00% Convertible Senior Notes due 2024 (the "Notes") that were issued in a private placement on April 29, 2004. The Registration Statement also covers 4,134,962 shares of the Company's common stock, par value \$.01 per share (the "Shares," and together with the Notes, the "Securities"), issuable upon conversion of the Notes. Pursuant to a Registration Rights Agreement dated April 29, 2004 between the Company and the initial purchasers of the Notes, the Company agreed to register the resale of the Securities under the Securities Act of 1933, and to use its reasonable best efforts to cause the registration statement covering the Securities to remain effective until April 29, 2006. The Registration Statement covers the resale of the Securities by the selling securityholders named in the prospectus included as part of the Registration Statement, including any supplement thereto (the "Selling Securityholders").

This Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement is being filed for the purpose of terminating the offering by the Selling Securityholders under the Registration Statement in its entirety and removing from registration all of the Securities covered thereby that have not been resold by the Selling Securityholders, which consist of \$4,880,000 principal amount of the Notes and all 4,134,962 Shares. Termination of the Registration Statement has no effect on the other terms of the outstanding Notes.

#### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the Town of Chelmsford, The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, on May 26, 2006.

MERCURY COMPUTER SYSTEMS, INC.

By:	/s/ Robert E. Hult		
Robert E. Hult Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer			

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the date indicated.

Signature	Title	Date
* (James R. Bertelli)	President, Chief Executive Officer (principal executive officer), Director	May 26, 2006
/S/ ROBERT E. HULT (Robert E. Hult)	Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer (principal financial officer)	May 26, 2006
/S/ ALEX N. BRAVERMAN (Alex N. Braverman)	Vice President, Controller and Chief Accounting Officer (principal accounting officer)	May 26, 2006
* (Gordon B. Baty)	Director	May 26, 2006
* (Albert P. Belle Isle)	Director	May 26, 2006
* (George W. Chamillard)	Director	May 26, 2006
* (Russell K. Johnsen)	Director	May 26, 2006
* (Sherman N. Mullin)	Director	May 26, 2006
* (Lee C. Steele)	Director	May 26, 2006
* (Richard P. Wishner)	Director	May 26, 2006
*By: /S/ ROBERT E. HULT  Robert E. Hult (Attorney-in-fact)		

### EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No. 23.3 Description
Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

#### CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We hereby consent to the incorporation by reference in this Post-effective Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement on Form S-3 of our report dated September 13, 2005 relating to the financial statements, financial statement schedule, management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting and the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, which appears in Mercury Computer Systems, Inc.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended June 30, 2005.

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Boston, Massachusetts May 26, 2006