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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Form S-8

REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER

THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

LAFARGE S.A.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Republic of France
*(State or other jurisdiction of
Incorporation or organization)*

Not Applicable
*(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)*

61, rue des Belles Feuilles

75116 Paris

France

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(Address and telephone number of Registrant's principal executive offices)

Lafarge 2007 Employee Stock Purchase Plan

(Full title of plan)

CT Corporation System
111 Eighth Avenue
New York, New York 10011

with copies to:
Michel Bisiaux
General Counsel
Lafarge, S.A.

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(Name, address and telephone number of agent for service)

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CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of each class of	Amount to be registered	Proposed maximum offering price per share	Proposed maximum aggregate offering price	Amount of registration fee
Securities to be registered				
American Depositary Shares (each representing one fourth of an ordinary share, par value 4 euros per share), evidenced by American Depositary Receipts(1)	1,400,000(2)	\$ 41.70(3)	\$ 58,380,000(3)	\$ 1,792.27

- (1) The Registrant's American Depositary Shares being registered hereby may be replaced, in certain cases (at the discretion of the Registrant), by a proportionate number of the Registrant's ordinary shares, par value 4 euros per share, which the American Depositary Shares represent.
- (2) The provisions of Rule 416 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, shall apply to this registration statement and the number of shares registered on this registration statement shall increase or decrease as a result of stock splits, stock dividends and similar transactions.
- (3) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457(c) and (h) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, based upon the basis of the average of the high and low sales prices for American Depositary Shares of the registrant as reported on the New York Stock Exchange on July 26, 2007.

PART I

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE SECTION 10(a) PROSPECTUS

SECTION 10(a) PROSPECTUS

The documents containing the information specified in Part I of this Registration Statement on Form S-8 will be sent or given to participants in the Lafarge 2007 Employee Stock Purchase Plan as specified under Rule 428(b)(i) under the Securities Act. Such documents are not required to be, and are not being, filed by Lafarge SA (Lafarge or Registrant) with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the Commission), either as part of this Registration Statement or as prospectuses or prospectus supplements pursuant to Rule 424 under the Securities Act. Such documents, together with the documents incorporated by reference herein pursuant to Item 3 of Part II of this Registration Statement on Form S-8, constitute a prospectus that meets the requirements of Section 10(a) of the Securities Act.

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PART II

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.

The following documents previously filed by Lafarge with the Commission pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act) are incorporated herein by reference:

(a) The annual report on Form 20-F of Lafarge for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2006.

(b) All reports filed by Lafarge pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act since December 31, 2006, the end of the fiscal year covered by Lafarge's Form 20-F referred to in (a).

(c) The description of Lafarge's ordinary shares, par value Euro 4 each, contained in Item 8 of Lafarge's Form 20-F referred to in (a) above and the description of the American Depositary Receipts evidencing American Depositary Shares, each American Depositary Share representing one fourth of an ordinary share of Lafarge, contained in the Deposit Agreement, dated July 18, 2001 among Lafarge S.A., Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York, as depositary, and the holders of American Depositary Receipts filed as an exhibit to the Registration Statement on Form 20-F filed by Lafarge S.A. with the Securities and Exchange Commission on July 19, 2001.

In addition, all documents filed by Lafarge with the Commission pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Exchange Act subsequent to the date of this Registration Statement and prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement which indicates that all securities offered have been sold or which deregisters all securities then remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement and to be a part hereof from the date of the filing of such documents.

Any statement contained herein or in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes hereof or of the related prospectus to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any other subsequently filed document which is also incorporated or deemed to be incorporated herein modifies or supersedes such statement. Any such statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute part of this Registration Statement.

Item 4. Description of Securities.

Not applicable.

Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel.

Not applicable.

Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

The French Commercial Code prohibits provisions of *statuts* that limit the liability of directors. The French Commercial Code also prohibits a company from indemnifying its directors against liability. However, if a director is sued by a third party and ultimately prevails in the litigation on all counts, but is nevertheless required to bear attorneys' fees and costs, the company may reimburse those fees and costs pursuant to an indemnification arrangement with the director.

Lafarge maintains liability insurance for its directors and officers, including insurance against liabilities under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

Item 7. Exemption from Registration Claimed.

Not applicable.

Item 8. Exhibits.

- 4(a) *Statuts* of Lafarge (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 1 filed in Lafarge S.A.'s annual report on Form 20-F for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2006).
- 4(b) Deposit Agreement, dated July 18, 2001 among Lafarge S.A., Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York, as depositary, and the holders of American Depositary Receipts (incorporated by reference to the Registration Statement on Form 20-F filed by Lafarge S.A. with the Securities and Exchange Commission on July 19, 2001).
- 23.1 Consent of Deloitte & Associés with respect to the consolidated financial statements of Lafarge SA included in its annual report on form 20-F for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2005 and 2004..
- 23.2 Consent of Ernst & Young LLP with respect to the consolidated financial statements of Lafarge North America for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004.
- 23.3 Consent of Ernst & Young Audit with respect to the consolidated financial statements of Lafarge SA included in its annual report on form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2006.
- 99.1 Lafarge 2007 Employee Stock Purchase Plan

Item 9. Undertakings.

The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes:

- (1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement:
 - (i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act;
 - (ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of this Registration Statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in this Registration Statement;
 - (iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in this Registration Statement or any material change to such information in this Registration Statement;
- provided, however*, that paragraphs (1)(i) and (1)(ii) do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in periodic reports filed by the Registrant pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act that are incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement.
- (2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.
 - (3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.
 - (4) That, for the purpose of determining liability under the Securities Act to any purchaser:
 - (i) If the Registrant is relying on Rule 430B:

(A) Each prospectus filed by the Registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b)(3) shall be deemed to be part of the registration statement as of the date the filed prospectus was deemed part of and included in the registration statement; and

(B) Each prospectus required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424(b)(2), (b)(5), or (b)(7) as part of a registration statement in reliance on Rule 430B relating to an offering made pursuant to Rule 415(a)(1)(i), (vii), or (x) for the purpose of providing the information required by section 10(a) of the Securities Act shall be deemed to be part of and included in the registration statement as of the earlier of the date such form of prospectus is first used after effectiveness or the date of the first contract of sale of securities in the offering described in the prospectus. As provided in Rule 430B, for liability purposes of the issuer and any person that is at that date an underwriter, such date shall be deemed to be a new effective date of the registration statement relating to the securities in the registration statement to which that prospectus relates, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof. *Provided, however*, that no statement made in a registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement or made in a document incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference into the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract of sale prior to such effective date, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such effective date; or

(ii) If the Registrant is subject to Rule 430C, each prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) as part of a registration statement relating to an offering, other than registration statements relying on Rule 430B or other than prospectuses filed in reliance on Rule 430A, shall be deemed to be part of and included in the registration statement as of the date it is first used after effectiveness. *Provided, however*, that no statement made in a registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement or made in a document incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference into the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract of sale prior to such first use, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such date of first use.

(5) That, for the purpose of determining liability of the Registrant under the Securities Act to any purchaser in the initial distribution of the securities:

The undersigned Registrant undertakes that in a primary offering of securities of the undersigned Registrant pursuant to this Registration Statement, regardless of the underwriting method used to sell the securities to the purchaser, if the securities are offered or sold to such purchaser by means of the following communications, the undersigned Registrant will be a seller to the purchaser and will be considered to offer or sell such securities to such purchaser:

(i) Any preliminary prospectus or prospectus of the undersigned Registrant relating to the offering required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424;

(ii) Any free writing prospectus relating to the offering prepared by or on behalf of the undersigned Registrant or used or referred to by the undersigned Registrant;

(iii) The portion of any other free writing prospectus relating to the offering containing material information about the undersigned Registrant or its securities provided by or on behalf of the undersigned Registrant; and

(iv) Any other communication that is an offer in the offering made by the undersigned Registrant to the purchaser.

The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each filing of the Registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the Registrant, Lafarge, certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Paris, France, on this 2nd day of August, 2007.

/s/ Bruno Lafont
 Name: Bruno Lafont
 Title: Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

We, the undersigned officers and directors of Lafarge S.A., hereby severally constitute and appoint Mr Peter L. Keeley as attorney-in-fact and agent with full power of substitution, for him or her and in his or her name, place and stead in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments to this registration statement (including post-effective amendments), and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorney-in-fact and agent, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises as fully to all intents and purposes as he or she might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorney-in-fact, or his substitute or substitutes, may do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities indicated and on the dates indicated.

Signature	Title	Date
/s/ Bruno Lafont Bruno Lafont	Chairman and Group Chief Executive Officer	August 1, 2007
/s/ Michel Rose Michel Rose	Group Chief Operating Officer	August 1, 2007
/s/ Jean-Jacques Gauthier Jean-Jacques Gauthier	Group Chief Financial Officer	August 1, 2007
/s/ Bertrand Collomb Bertrand Collomb	Director	August 1, 2007
Bernard Kasriel	Director	
/s/ Jacques Lefèvre Jacques Lefèvre	Director	August 1, 2007
Michael Blakenham	Director	

/s/ Jean-Pierre Boisivon Jean-Pierre Boisivon	Director	August 1, 2007
Michel Bon	Director	
/s/ Philippe Charrier Philippe Charrier	Director	August 1, 2007
/s/ Oscar Fanjul Oscar Fanjul	Director	August 1, 2007
/s/ Philippe Dauman Philippe Dauman	Director	August 1, 2007
Juan Gallardo	Director	
/s/ Alain Joly Alain Joly	Director	August 1, 2007
/s/ Pierre de Lafarge Pierre de Lafarge	Director	August 1, 2007
Michel Pébereau	Director	
/s/ H��l��ne Ploix H��l��ne Ploix	Director	August 1, 2007
/s/ Mark Soule Mark Soule	Chief Accounting Officer	August 1, 2007
/s/ Peter L. Keeley Peter L. Keeley	Authorized Representative in the United States	August 1, 2007