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## **UNITED STATES**

## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER

PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 UNDER

THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT 1934

For the month of July, 2006

COLES MYER LTD.

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

## 800 TOORAK ROAD, TOORONGA, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA

(Address of principal executive offices)

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Form 20-F <u>X</u> Form 40-F <u></u>
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Yes \_\_\_ No <u>X</u>

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**News Release** 

10 July 2006

Share Buy-Back Results

- Off-market buy-back discount of 13%
- Off-market buy-back price \$10.23 per share based on a market price of \$11.7574
- 81.8 million shares bought back for \$837.0 million
- Fully franked dividend for tax purposes of \$7.23 per share
- On-market buy-back of up to \$163.0 million

Coles Myer Ltd today announced the successful completion of its off-market share buy-back.

A total of 81.8 million shares were purchased for \$837.0 million - approximately 6.4% of shares on issue. The buy-back discount was determined to be a 13% discount to the market price of \$11.7574. Shareholders will be paid \$10.23 for each share bought back.

The balance of the \$1 billion capital management program will be conducted by an on-market buy-back.

"The first phase of Coles Myer's \$1 billion program has been completed. The off-market buy-back has been highly successful and has delivered on Coles Myer's commitment to returning surplus capital to shareholders," Coles Myer CEO, John Fletcher, said.

"The combination of an off-market buy-back at a 13% discount, with the balance to be completed on-market, allows Coles Myer to optimise the effect of the capital management program for the benefit of Coles Myer and its shareholders.

"The buy-backs are expected to enhance earnings per share and return on equity for Coles Myer shareholders."

\$7.23 of the buy-back price is treated for Australian tax purposes as a fully franked dividend. For capital gains tax purposes, Australian residents and complying superannuation funds whose shares are bought back will be deemed to

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have disposed of each share for \$4.19.

All shares tendered in the off-market buy-back as a final price tender, or at a tender discount greater than or equal to a 13% discount to the market price, were bought back.

Shares tendered into the off-market buy-back at a tender discount smaller than 13% were not bought back. These shares are now available for shareholders to deal with at their discretion.

Buy-back proceeds will be despatched to successful shareholders' nominated bank accounts or otherwise sent by mail on Friday 14 July 2006.

Shareholders may view updated details of their holding online at <a href="www.colesmyer.com/buyback">www.colesmyer.com/buyback</a>. Shareholders who have any queries in relation to their off-market buy-back tender may contact the Coles Myer shareholder information line on 1300 130 278 or +61 3 8280 7768 if calling from outside Australia.

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**SIGNATURES** 

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 authorised.

COLES MYER LTD.

(Registrant)

By /s/ R F BENNETT

(Signature)

ROBERT F BENNETT

COMPANY SECRETARIAT MANAGER

Date July 11, 2006