

BLOCKBUSTER INC
Form 8-K
December 23, 2004

UNITED STATES
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 (Date of earliest event reported) December 22, 2004

BLOCKBUSTER INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

DELAWARE
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

001-15153
(Commission File Number)

52-1655102
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

1201 Elm Street

Dallas, Texas
(Address of principal executive offices)

75270
(Zip Code)

(214) 854-3000

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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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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 8.01 Other Events.

On December 22, 2004, Bloomberg released an article discussing Blockbuster Inc.'s potential acquisition of Hollywood Entertainment Corporation, which included information obtained from an interview with Edward B. Stead, Executive Vice President and General Counsel of Blockbuster. A copy of the article is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto.

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Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

| <u>Exhibit No.</u> | <u>Description</u> |
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| 99.1 | Bloomberg article, dated December 22, 2004 |

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.

BLOCKBUSTER INC.

Date: **December 23, 2004**

By: /s/ Edward B. Stead

Edward B. Stead

Executive Vice President and

General Counsel

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