

RITCHIE BROS AUCTIONEERS INC

Form 6-K

August 10, 2004

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 OF 1934

For the month of August 2004

Commission File Number: 001-13425

Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers Incorporated

6500 River Road
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(Address of principal executive offices)

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EXHIBIT INDEX

| Number | Description |
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| 99.1 | Material change report dated August 9, 2004 reporting the appointment of Peter J. Blake as Chief Executive Officer of the Company effective November 1, 2004, the resignation of David E. Ritchie as Chief Executive Officer of the Company effective October 31, 2004 and the appointment of Robert S. Armstrong as Chief Financial Officer of the Company effective November 1, 2004. |

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 authorized.

Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers Incorporated
(Registrant)

Date: August 9, 2004

By: */s/ Robert S. Armstrong*
Robert S. Armstrong,
Corporate Secretary