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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 May, 2004

Shaw Communications Inc.

(Translation of registrant s name into English)

Suite 900, 630 3rd Avenue S.W., Calgary, Alberta T2P 4L4 (403) 750-4500

(Address of principal executive offices)

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant, Shaw Communications Inc., has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: May 6, 2004

Shaw Communications Inc.

By:

/s/ R.D. Rogers

R.D. Rogers

Sr. V.P., Chief Financial Officer Shaw Communications Inc.

NEWS RELEASE

SHAW IMPROVES BANK FACILITY BY EXTENDING TERM AND ELIMINATING AMORTIZATION

Calgary, Alberta, May 6, 2004 Shaw Communications today announced that it had amended several key conditions of its existing bank facility. Effective April 30, 2004, facility A, which is a revolving facility, will have an availability of \$910 million through to April 30, 2009, with no amortization. The new facility will continue to be unsecured and will rank pari passu with the senior unsecured notes. The previous facility was subject to an amortization schedule, which had it reducing to zero at April 30, 2007.

The amended facility provides Shaw with increased flexibility and once again reflects significant credit support from its existing banking syndicate said Jim Shaw, the C.E.O. of Shaw Communications.

The bank facility continues to be an integral part of Shaw s capital structure said Ron Rogers, the C.F.O. of Shaw Communications Inc.

Shaw Communications Inc. is a diversified Canadian communications company whose core business is providing broadband cable television, Internet and satellite direct-to-home (DTH) services to approximately 2.9 million customers. Shaw is traded on the Toronto and New York stock exchanges (Symbol: TSX SJR.B, NYSE SJR).

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