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February 24, 2005

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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

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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): February 18, 2005

THE J. M. SMUCKER COMPANY

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(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Ohio	1-5111	34-0538550
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(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

One Strawberry Lane Orrville, Ohio		44667-0280
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(Address of Principal Executive Offices)		(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (330) 682-3000

Not Applicable

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(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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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

The J. M. Smucker Company (NYSE: SJM) issued a press release on July 26, 2004 and filed a Form 8-K on July 30, 2004 announcing its intention to divest

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International Multifoods Corporation's (Multifoods) U.S. foodservice and bakery products businesses. Subsequently, on January 14, 2005, the Company filed a Form 8-K announcing that the Company and certain of the Company's wholly owned subsidiaries entered into a Purchase Agreement with Value Creation Partners Inc., dated as of January 13, 2005, for the sale of the Multifoods foodservice and bakery products businesses, which included Multifoods' U.S. foodservice and bakery products operations and its Canadian locations operated under the Gourmet Baker name.

The sale of the Multifoods foodservice and bakery products businesses was completed on Friday, February 18, 2005.

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.

THE J. M. SMUCKER COMPANY

By: /s/ Mark R. Belgya

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Mark R. Belgya  
Vice President, Chief Financial Officer  
and Treasurer

Date: February 24, 2005