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ALCAN INC Form 8-K January 18, 2005

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): January 18, 2005

Alcan Inc.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Canada

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-3677 Commission File Number Inapplicable (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

1188 Sherbrooke Street West, Montreal, Quebec, Canada H3A 3G2

(Address of principal executive offices, including postal code)

(514) 848-8000

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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))

Item 2.02 RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION.

On January 14, 2005, Alcan Inc. issued a press release on its outlook for the fourth quarter 2004 earnings, attached hereto as exhibit 99 and furnished according to this item.

Item 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibits

SIGNATURES

99.1

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.

ALCAN INC.

Press release of Alcan Inc., issued January 14, 2005.

BY:/s/ Roy Millington Roy Millington Corporate Secretary

Date: January 18, 2005