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Form 8-K

February 17, 2005

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): February 17, 2005

ORTHOFIX INTERNATIONAL N.V.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

NETHERLANDS ANTILLES  
(State or other  
jurisdiction of incorporation)

0-19961  
(Commission File Number)

N/A  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No)

7 Abraham de Veerstraat, Curacao, Netherlands Antilles  
(Address of principal executive offices)

N/A  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 011-59-99-465-8525

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240.14a-12)

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Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

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Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition  
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On February 17, 2005, Orthofix International N.V. issued a press release announcing, among other things, its preliminary sales results for the fourth quarter and full fiscal year ended December 31, 2004. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits  
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(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press release of Orthofix International N.V. dated February 17, 2005

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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.

ORTHOFIX INTERNATIONAL N.V.

By: /s/ Thomas Hein  
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Name: Thomas Hein  
Title: Chief Financial Officer

Date: February 17, 2005

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