

**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): January 17, 2005

Hercules Incorporated

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

001-00496

51-0023450

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification Number)

Hercules Plaza
1313 North Market Street
Wilmington, Delaware 19894-0001

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(302) 594-5000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the Registrant under any of the following provisions:

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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

As previously reported, Craig A. Rogerson, the Chief Executive Officer of Hercules Incorporated, has been handling the additional responsibility of President of the Pulp and Paper Division ("PPD") during Hercules' search for a new President of PPD. Such search has been completed and, effective as of February 1, 2005, Paul C. Raymond will become the President of the Pulp and Paper Division. A copy of the press release announcing Mr. Raymond's selection is filed under Item 9.01 as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release of Hercules Incorporated dated January 17, 2005

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

January 20, 2005

By: **HERCULES INCORPORATED**

/s/ Israel J. Floyd

Israel J. Floyd
Corporate Secretary and General Counsel

EXHIBIT INDEX

<u>Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
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