

Nalco Holding CO  
Form 8-K  
February 09, 2005

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**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 and Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report: February 8, 2005

**NALCO HOLDING COMPANY**

Delaware	011-32342	16-1701300
(State of	(Commission(IRS	
Incorporation) File	Employer	
Number)	Identification	
	Number)	

1601 W. Diehl Rd., Naperville, IL 60005

630-305-1000

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K 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 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Conditions**

On February 8, 2005, Nalco Holding Company announced earnings for the fourth quarter and year that ended December 31, 2004. A copy of that release is being furnished to the SEC as an exhibit to this form.

This earnings press release includes “non-GAAP financial measures.” Specifically, the release refers to:

- EBITDA

EBITDA is not a measurement recognized in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and should not be viewed as an alternative to GAAP measures of performance. Furthermore, this measure may not be consistent with similar measures presented by other companies.

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Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits.

The following exhibit is furnished pursuant to Item 9.01 of Form 8-K:

(99.1) Press release of Nalco Holding Company, dated February 8, 2005, describing its results for its fourth quarter and year ended December 31, 2004.

The information in this Form 8-K and the exhibit attached hereto shall not be deemed “filed” for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Exchange Act”).

SIGNATURES

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.

NALCO HOLDING COMPANY

/s/ Stephen N. Landsman  
Secretary

Date: February 8, 2005

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