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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20549

FORM 11-K

☒ ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the year ended December 31, 2004

OR

☐ TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission file number 1-9148

1994 EMPLOYEE STOCK PURCHASE PLAN OF THE BRINK'S COMPANY
(Full title of the Plan)

THE BRINK'S COMPANY
(Name of the issuer of securities held pursuant to the Plan)

P.O. BOX 18100
1801 BAYBERRY COURT
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA
(Address of issuer's principal
executive offices)

23226-8100
(Zip Code)

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

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The Participants of the 1994 Employee Stock
Purchase Plan of The Brink's Company:

We have audited the accompanying statements of financial condition of the 1994 Employee Stock Purchase Plan of The Brink's Company (the Plan) as of December 31, 2004 and 2003, and the related statements of income and changes in plan equity for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2004. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the 1994 Employee Stock Purchase Plan of The Brink's Company as of December 31, 2004 and 2003, and the income and changes in plan equity for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2004, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

/s/ KPMG LLP

KPMG LLP

Richmond, Virginia

March 30, 2005

1994 EMPLOYEE STOCK PURCHASE PLAN OF THE BRINK'S COMPANY

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

DECEMBER 31, 2004 AND 2003

	2004	2003
Assets:		
Contributions receivable from The Brink's Company	\$ 1,532,769	1,140,136
Total assets	\$ 1,532,769	1,140,136

Liabilities and Plan equity:

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Share purchase obligations	\$ 1,532,769	1,140,136

Total liabilities and Plan equity	\$ 1,532,769	1,140,136
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See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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1994 EMPLOYEE STOCK PURCHASE PLAN OF THE BRINK'S COMPANY

STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND CHANGES IN PLAN EQUITY

Years Ended December 31, 2004, 2003 and 2002

	2004	2003	2002
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Income:			
Participant contributions	\$ 2,758,173	2,255,158	1,986,262

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Withdrawals:			
Contributions transferred or owed to participants' accounts	2,758,173	2,255,158	1,986,262

Increase (decrease) in Plan equity	-	-	-
Plan equity - beginning of year	-	-	-

Plan equity - end of year	\$ -	-	-
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See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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1994 EMPLOYEE STOCK PURCHASE PLAN OF THE BRINK'S COMPANY

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2004, 2003 and 2002

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF PLAN AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Common stock of The Brink's Company (the "Company") trades on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "BCO." The Company's shares previously traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "PZB" until early May 2003.

The Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Statement of Financial

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Accounting Standards ("FAS") No. 123R "Share-Based Payment" in December 2004. FAS 123R will change the Company's accounting treatment for this Plan in the Company's consolidated financial statements. The new accounting standard will require the Company to recognize expense for the Plan based on its current underlying provisions. As a result, the Company may decide to amend, modify or terminate the plan. No decisions have been made to date.

The following description of the 1994 Employee Stock Purchase Plan of The Brink's Company (the "Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions. The Plan is an "employee stock purchase plan" within the meaning of Section 423 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, (the "Code") covering all eligible employees of The Brink's Company and its subsidiaries. The Plan years begin on January 1 and end on December 31.

Purchase Price and Transfers of Common Stock

The purchase price (the "Purchase Price") for each share of common stock to be purchased under the Plan is 85% of the Fair Market Value (as defined in the Plan) of such share on either (a) the first day of each six-month period commencing on July 1 or January 1 (the "Offering Date") or (b) the last day of each six-month period from an Offering Date (the "Purchase Date"), whichever is less. The Fair Market Value with respect to shares of common stock is generally defined as the average of the high and low quoted sales price of a share of such stock on the applicable date as reported on the New York Stock Exchange Composite Transactions Tape.

As of the Purchase Date, with respect to each six-month period from an Offering Date to and including the Purchase Date (the "Offering Period"), the amount then in a participant's account is applied to the purchase of the number of whole shares of common stock determined by dividing such amount by the applicable Purchase Price. Any amounts remaining at the end of an offering period are accumulated and used to purchase shares during the next offering period.

The Plan was amended as of March 12, 2004. Subject to the amended Plan, the maximum number of shares of Brink's Common Stock which may be issued or allocated on or after May 7, 2004 is 563,918 of which 63,608 shares had been issued at December 31, 2004 and 52,779 shares committed to be issued as of December 31, 2004.

Prior to the amendment, the maximum number of shares of Brink's Common Stock which could be issued or allocated pursuant to the Plan was 984,905 of which 920,987 shares had been issued as of December 31, 2003.

Eligibility

Generally, any employee of The Brink's Company or a designated subsidiary (a "Subsidiary") is eligible to participate in the Plan if he or she is customarily employed for at least 20 hours per week; provided, however, that in the case of an employee who is covered by a collective bargaining agreement, he or she shall not be considered an eligible employee unless and until the labor organization representing such individual has accepted the Plan on behalf of the employees in the collective bargaining unit. Any eligible employee shall continue to be an eligible employee during an approved leave of absence provided such employee's right to continue employment with The Brink's Company or a Subsidiary upon expiration of such employee's leave of absence is guaranteed either by statute or by contract with or a policy of The Brink's Company or a Subsidiary. At December 31, 2004 and 2003, the Plan had a total of 1,257 and 980 participants,

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respectively.

Participant Contributions

Participants can elect to contribute any whole percentage from 1% up to and including 10% of their annual base rate of pay, including commissions, but generally excluding overtime or premium pay ("Compensation"), up to a maximum of \$12,750 per calendar year, provided that the amount withheld by a participant during the Offering Period does not exceed 50% of such participant's Compensation determined on the Offering Date. A participant may reduce (but not increase) the rate of payroll withholding during an Offering Period at any time prior to the end of such Offering Period for which such reduction is to be effective. Not more than one reduction may be made in any Offering Period unless otherwise determined by nondiscriminatory rules. A participant may elect to cease active participation in the Plan at any time up to the end of an Offering Period by filing the appropriate form with the committee that administers the Plan. A participant who elects to cease participation in the Plan may not resume participation in the Plan until after the expiration of the then current Offering Period.

No participant shall have a right to purchase shares of common stock if (a) such participant, immediately after electing to purchase such shares, would own common stock possessing 5% or more of the total combined voting power or value of the stock of The Brink's Company or of any Subsidiary, or (b) the rights of such participant to purchase common stock under the Plan would accrue at a rate that exceeds \$25,000 of Fair Market Value of such common stock (determined at the time or times such rights are granted) for each calendar year for which such rights are outstanding at any time.

Refund to Participants if Terminated

In the event of the termination of a participant's employment for any reason, including retirement or death, or the failure of a participant to remain eligible under the terms of the Plan, any amounts credited to such participant's account will be refunded, without interest, to such individual or, in the event of his or her death, to his or her legal representative.

Termination or Amendment of the Plan

The Plan will remain in effect until June 30, 2010, unless extended pursuant to shareholder approval.

The Board of Directors of The Brink's Company may, at any time and from time to time, amend (including, but not limited to, increase the Purchase Price), modify or terminate the Plan, but no such amendment, modification or termination without the approval of the shareholders shall: (a) increase the maximum number of shares of common stock which may be issued pursuant to the Plan; (b) permit the issuance of any shares of common stock at a purchase price less than that provided in the Plan as approved by the shareholders; (c) extend the term of the Plan; or (d) cause the Plan to fail to meet the requirements of an "employee stock purchase plan" under the Code.

Basis of Accounting

The accompanying financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and

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assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, and changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ materially from those estimates.

Income Taxes

The Plan, and the rights of participants to make purchases thereunder, is intended to qualify as an "employee stock purchase plan" under Section 423 of the Code. The Plan is not qualified under Section 401(a) of the Code. Pursuant to Section 423 of the Code, no income (other than dividends) will be taxable to a participant until disposition of the shares purchased under the Plan. Upon the disposition of the shares, the participant will generally be subject to tax and the amount and character of the tax will depend upon the holding period. Dividends received on shares held by the Plan on behalf of a participant are taxable to the participant as ordinary income. Therefore, the Plan does not provide for income taxes.

Administrative Costs

All administrative costs incurred by the Plan are paid by The Brink's Company.

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Exhibit Index

Exhibit Number -----	Description -----
23	Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

Signature

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the trustees (or other persons who administer the employee benefit plan) have duly caused this annual report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

1994 Employee Stock Purchase Plan
of The Brink's Company

(Name of Plan)

/s/ Frank T. Lennon

(Frank T. Lennon
Vice President - Human Resources
and Administration)

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