

ADESA INC
Form 8-K
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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 Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): February 11, 2005

ADESA, INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State of Incorporation)

1 32198
(Commission File Number)

35 1842546
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

13085 Hamilton Crossing Boulevard

Carmel, Indiana 46032

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(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

(800) 923 3725

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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Item 2.02 **Results of Operations and Financial Condition**

On February 11, 2005, ADESA, Inc. conducted a live webcast, including presentation visuals, discussing its financial results for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2004. The call featured a review of operating highlights and financial results for 2004 along with an outlook for 2005.

The presentation for the February 11, 2005 earnings conference call and webcast is attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

The information is being furnished pursuant to Item 2.02, Results of Operations and Financial Condition. This information, including Exhibit 99.1 attached hereto, shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Act of 1934, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference to such filing.

Within the Company's earnings conference call presentation, the Company makes reference to certain non-GAAP financial measures. The non-GAAP financial measures include the following: income from continuing operations, excluding non-recurring costs or adjusted income from continuing operations, EBITDA, and EBITDA excluding non-recurring expenses or EBITDA net of non-recurring items. Each of these non-GAAP financial measures is discussed below, along with the most directly comparable financial measure calculated and presented in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles in the United States (GAAP).

The Company believes that these measures represent important internal measures of performance. Accordingly, where these non-GAAP measures are provided, it is done so that investors have the same financial data that management uses with the belief that it will assist the investment community in properly assessing the underlying performance of the Company on a year-over-year and quarter-sequential basis. Whenever such information is presented, the Company has complied with the provisions of the rules under Regulation G and Item 2.02 of Form 8-K. The specific reasons, in addition to the reasons described above, why the Company's management believes that the presentation of the non-GAAP financial measures provides useful information to investors regarding ADESA's results of operations are as follows:

Income from continuing operations, excluding non-recurring costs The Company's management believes that presenting income from continuing operations, excluding non-recurring costs, is an important additional measure of performance that can be used for comparing results between reporting periods. The most directly comparable financial measure calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP is income from continuing operations including non-recurring costs. ADESA believes that income from continuing operations, excluding non-recurring costs is a useful measure to provide investors, because it excludes those items that ADESA does not consider to be indicative of earnings from ongoing operating activities. As a result, income from continuing operations, excluding non-recurring costs provides investors with a more relevant measure of the results generated by the Company's

operations. The attachments to the Company's press release dated February 10, 2005 include income statements that describe the nature of the non-recurring costs and their impact on each line item of the income statements presenting the fourth quarter 2004 and year-to-date 2004 results.

EBITDA and EBITDA excluding non-recurring expenses The Company's management believes that EBITDA and EBITDA excluding non-recurring expenses are useful supplements and meaningful indicators of earnings performance to be used by its investors, financial analysts and others to analyze the Company's financial performance and results of operations over time. These performance measures also represent one of the principal internal measures of performance, and form the basis of internal management performance expectations and incentive compensation. In addition, EBITDA is used by the Company's creditors in assessing debt covenant compliance. The most directly comparable financial performance measure calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP is income from continuing operations. A reconciliation of income from continuing operations to EBITDA and EBITDA excluding non-recurring expenses for each of the fiscal periods indicated is presented in the attachments to the Company's press release dated February 10, 2005.

Item 9.01 **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS**

(c) Exhibits

| EXHIBIT NO. | DESCRIPTION OF EXHIBIT |
|--------------------|---|
| 99.1 | Fourth Quarter 2004 Earnings Conference Call Presentation |

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, thereunto duly authorized.

Dated: February 11, 2005

ADESA, INC.

/s/ Cameron C. Hitchcock
Cameron C. Hitchcock
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

