

BENCHMARK ELECTRONICS INC  
Form 8-K  
December 19, 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): **December 19, 2005**

**BENCHMARK ELECTRONICS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Texas**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**1-10560**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**74-2211011**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**3000 Technology Drive, Angleton, Texas**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**77515**  
(Zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(979) 849-6550**

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  - o 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.

On December 19, 2005, Benchmark Electronics, Inc. placed on its website (www.bench.com) a letter to all of its shareholders written in response to a letter from MMI Investments, L.P. dated November 16, 2005. A copy of the Company's letter is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and is hereby incorporated herein by reference. The information in this Form 8-K is being furnished under Item 8.01 and shall not be deemed to be filed for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 (the Exchange Act), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of such section, nor shall such information be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

**Exhibit 99.1 Letter dated December 19, 2005.**

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.

BENCHMARK ELECTRONICS, INC.

Dated: December 19, 2005

By: /s/ CARY T. FU  
Cary T. Fu  
Chief Executive Officer

EXHIBITS INDEX

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>Exhibit 99.1</b>	<b>Letter dated December 19, 2005</b>