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May 17, 2004

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): MAY 17, 2004

METRETEK TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

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(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE	0-19793	84-11698358
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(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S Employer Identification No.)

303 EAST 17TH STREET, SUITE 660, DENVER, COLORADO	80203
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(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (303) 785-8080  
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NOT APPLICABLE

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(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(C) EXHIBITS

99.1 Press Release of Metretek Technologies, Inc., issued  
May 17, 2004, announcing its first quarter 2004  
financial results.

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ITEM 12. RESULT OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION.

On May 17, 2004, Metrotek Technologies, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), issued a press release announcing its financial results for the quarter ended March 31, 2004. The full text of the Company's press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by this reference.

The attached press release discloses "Adjusted EBITDA", a non-GAAP financial measure computed as net income (loss) applicable to common shareholders before interest and finance charges, income taxes, depreciation and amortization, provision for litigation costs, nonrecurring charges, minority interest, and preferred stock deemed distribution, and reconciles Adjusted EBITDA to net income (loss) applicable to common shareholders.

By eliminating certain expenses not necessarily indicative of the results of the Company's core operations, management believes that Adjusted EBITDA offers a useful tool to measure and monitor the Company's operating performance, and provides meaningful information to investors in terms of enhancing their understanding of the Company's core operating performance and results. Adjusted EBITDA is also used by management to assist in planning and forecasting future operations. However, Adjusted EBITDA as defined by the Company may not be directly comparable to similarly defined measures as reported by other companies. Adjusted EBITDA should be considered only as a supplement to, and not as a substitute for or in isolation from, other measures of financial performance and liquidity reported in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"), such as net income (loss) applicable to common shareholders.

The information in this Report, including the exhibit attached hereto, are being furnished pursuant to Item 12 of Form 8-K and shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section, and such information shall not be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

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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.

METRETEK TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

By: /s/ W. Phillip Marcum  
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W. Phillip Marcum  
President and Chief Executive Officer

Dated: May 17, 2004