

ALBERTO CULVER CO  
Form 8-K  
October 28, 2004

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of  
The Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): October 28, 2004**

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**ALBERTO-CULVER COMPANY**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Delaware**

(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

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**1-5050**

(Commission File Number)

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**36-2257936**

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**2525 Armitage Avenue**

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Melrose Park, Illinois 60160

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(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (708) 450-3000

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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SECTION 2 FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ITEM 2.02. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

On October 28, 2004, Alberto-Culver Company issued a press release announcing its financial results for the fourth quarter and full fiscal year ended September 30, 2004. The full text of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.

SECTION 9 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

The following exhibits are included herein:

| <u>Number</u> | <u>Description</u>                   |
|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| 99            | Press Release dated October 28, 2004 |

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.

ALBERTO-CULVER COMPANY

By: /s/ William J. Cernugel

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William J. Cernugel  
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer  
(Principal Financial Officer)

October 28, 2004