

RITCHIE BROS AUCTIONEERS INC

Form 6-K

February 24, 2005

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

Form 6-K

**REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER
PURSUANT TO RULE 13A-16 OR 15D-16 UNDER
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the month of February 2005

Commission File Number: 001-13425

Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers Incorporated

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(Address of principal executive offices)

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Number	Description
99.1	Press release dated February 24, 2005 reporting results as at and the for the year ended December 31, 2004

SIGNATURES

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.

Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers Incorporated
(Registrant)

Date: February 24, 2005

By: */s/ Robert S. Armstrong*
Robert S. Armstrong,
Corporate Secretary