

BLOCKBUSTER INC  
Form 8-K  
December 29, 2004

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

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**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 28, 2004**

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**BLOCKBUSTER INC.**

(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

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

**001-15153**  
(Commission File Number)

**52-1655102**  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**1201 Elm Street**

**Dallas, Texas**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**75270**  
(Zip Code)

**(214) 854-3000**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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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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**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On December 28 and 29, 2004, The Dallas Morning News, Video Business Magazine, USA Today and the Los Angeles Times released articles discussing the announcement by Blockbuster Inc. ( Blockbuster ), made in a press release issued December 28, 2004, that it intends to commence a cash tender offer by mid-January to purchase all of the outstanding shares of Hollywood Entertainment Corporation ( Hollywood ) for \$11.50 per share in cash if Blockbuster is unable to obtain substantial cooperation from Hollywood's Board of Directors that is likely to lead to an agreement for an acquisition of Hollywood by Blockbuster. The articles included information obtained from interviews with Edward B. Stead, Executive Vice President and General Counsel of Blockbuster. A copy of The Dallas Morning News article is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto, a copy of the Video Business Magazine article is attached as Exhibit 99.2 hereto, a copy of the USA Today article is attached as Exhibit 99.3 hereto and a copy of the Los Angeles Times article is attached as Exhibit 99.4 hereto.

THIS IS NOT AN OFFER TO BUY OR THE SOLICITATION OF AN OFFER TO SELL ANY SHARES. A SOLICITATION OR OFFER TO BUY HOLLYWOOD'S COMMON STOCK MAY BE MADE, IF AT ALL, PURSUANT TO A TENDER OFFER STATEMENT, AN OFFER TO PURCHASE AND RELATED MATERIALS. HOLLYWOOD SHAREHOLDERS SHOULD READ THE TENDER OFFER STATEMENT, THE OFFER TO PURCHASE AND ANY RELATED MATERIALS CAREFULLY WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION, INCLUDING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ANY OFFER. HOLLYWOOD SHAREHOLDERS WILL BE ABLE TO OBTAIN THE TENDER OFFER STATEMENT, THE OFFER TO PURCHASE AND RELATED MATERIALS WITH RESPECT TO ANY TENDER OFFER, IF APPLICABLE, FREE AT THE SEC'S WEBSITE AT WWW.SEC.GOV OR FROM BLOCKBUSTER INC. AT WWW.BLOCKBUSTER.COM.

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**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	The Dallas Morning News article dated December 28, 2004
99.2	Video Business Magazine article dated December 28, 2004
99.3	USA Today article dated December 29, 2004
99.4	Los Angeles Times article dated December 29, 2004

**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.

**BLOCKBUSTER INC.**

Dated: December 29, 2004

By: /s/ Edward B. Stead

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Edward B. Stead  
Executive Vice President  
and General Counsel

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