

DATATRAK INTERNATIONAL INC

Form 8-K

December 21, 2004

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 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 17, 2004

DATATRAK International, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Ohio

000-20699

34-1685364

(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

6150 Parkland Boulevard, Mayfield Hts., Ohio

44124

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code 440-443-0082

N/A

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On December 17, 2004, DATATRAK International, Inc. (the Company ) issued a press release announcing an alliance pursuant to which the Company and SAS Institute Inc. ( SAS ) will make a joint offering to clients to gather and analyze clinical trial data. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1. During the initial two-year term of the alliance, the Company is obligated to make an aggregate of \$650,000 in fixed payments to SAS, for among other things, access to the SAS® Drug Development software. These fixed payments, the last of which will be made by the end of February 2005, will allow the Company to make certain SAS software available to its clients during the initial term of the alliance. The Company is also entitled to provide similar use of the SAS software to its clients during a third option year upon the payment of a \$200,000 fixed fee. The Company will charge fees to clients that utilize the SAS software that will allow the Company to recoup some or all of the fixed fees payable to SAS.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

**(c) Exhibits**

99.1 Press release dated December 17, 2004

Certain statements made in this Form 8-K, other SEC filings or written materials or orally made by the Company or its representatives may constitute forward-looking statements that are based on management's current beliefs, estimates and assumptions concerning the operations, future results and prospects of the Company and the clinical pharmaceutical research industry in general. All statements that address operating performance, events or developments that management anticipates will occur in the future, including statements related to future revenue, profits, expenses, income and earnings per share or statements expressing general optimism about future results, are forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended ( Exchange Act ). In addition, words such as expects, anticipates, intends, plans, believes, estimates, variations, words, and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements are subject to the safe harbors created in the Exchange Act. Factors that may cause actual results to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements include the ability of the Company to absorb corporate overhead and other fixed costs in order to successfully market the DATATRAK EDC software; the development of and fluctuations in the market for electronic data capture technology; the degree of the Company's success in obtaining new contracts; the timing of payments from customers and the timing of clinical trial sponsor decisions to conduct new clinical trials or cancel or delay ongoing trials; governmental regulation; the early stage of the Company's ASP operations; and general economic conditions such as the rate of employment, inflation, interest rates and the condition of capital markets. This list of factors is not all inclusive. In addition, the Company's success depends on the outcome of various strategic initiatives it has undertaken, all of which are based on assumptions made by the Company concerning trends in the clinical research market and the health care industry. Any forward-looking statement speaks only as of the date on which such statement is made and the Company does not undertake any obligation to update any statements whether as a result of new information, future events or

otherwise.

The information in this Form 8-K and the Exhibit(s) attached hereto shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference to such filing.

**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 hereunto duly authorized.

Date December 21,  
2004  

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DATATRAK INTERNATIONAL, INC.

By /s/ Terry C. Black  

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Terry C. Black  
Vice President of Finance, Chief Financial  
Officer, Treasurer and Assistant Secretary

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<b><u>Exhibit No.</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
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