

EQUUS II INC  
Form 8-K  
February 07, 2005

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# U.S. 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): January 4, 2005

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## Equus II Incorporated

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

**0-19509**  
(Commission File Number)

**76-0345915**  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

2727 Allen Parkway, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor, Houston, Texas 77019

(Address of principal executive offices, zip code)

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**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (713) 529-0900**

**N/A**

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

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  - Pre-commencement communication pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement**

On January 4, 2005, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of Equus II Incorporated granted stock options to purchase shares of the Fund's common stock to certain executive officers of the Company pursuant to the Equus II Incorporated 1997 Stock Incentive Plan as follows: Harry O. Nicodemus IV, Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Compliance Officer, Treasurer, and Secretary - 100,000 stock options; and Phil Walters, Vice President, Controller, and Assistant Secretary - 50,000 stock options. The material terms of the options granted are: grant type: non-incentive; exercise price: fair market value on grant date (\$7.69); exercise period: generally exercisable 50% after six months, 66 <sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub>% after one year, 83 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub>% at the end of two years; and 100% at the end of three years; grant: 10 years; and termination: except in case of retirement, disability, death, or change in control of the Company, any unvested options are generally cancelled upon termination of employment. The terms of the stock option grants are set forth in the Stock Option Agreement, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 10.1 hereto.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

- (a) None
- (b) None
- (c) *Exhibits*

| <u>Exhibit No.</u> | <u>Description</u>             |
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| 10.1               | Form of Stock Option Agreement |

**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 hereunto duly authorized.

**EQUUS II INCORPORATED**

Dated: February 7, 2004

By: /s/ HARRY O. NICODEMUS IV

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Harry O. Nicodemus IV

Vice President and Chief Financial Officer