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ALTEON INC /DE Form 8-K January 19, 2005

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 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): JANUARY 18, 2005

ALTEON INC. (EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER)

DELAWARE 001-16043 13-3304300 (STATE OR OTHER JURISDICTION (COMMISSION FILE NUMBER) (IRS EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NO.)

6 CAMPUS DRIVE PARSIPPANY, NEW JERSEY 07054 (ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES AND ZIP CODE)

REGISTRANT'S TELEPHONE NUMBER, INCLUDING AREA CODE: (201) 934-5000

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

ITEM 8.01 OTHER EVENTS.

On January 18, 2005, Alteon Inc. issued a press release announcing its initiation of a Phase 2 trial in alagebrium chloride in erectile dysfunction.

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The press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

- (c) Exhibit.
 - 99.1 Press Release dated January 18, 2005.

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.

ALTEON INC.

Dated: January 19, 2005

By: /s/ ELIZABETH A. O'DELL ------Elizabeth A. O'Dell Vice President, Finance

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Nu	umber	Description

99.1 Press Release dated January 18, 2005.