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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: May 5, 2004

Date of Earliest Event Reported: May 5, 2004

MILLENNIUM CHEMICALS INC. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) (Commission File Number)

1-12091

22-3436215

(I.R.S. Employer Identific

20 Wight Avenue, Suite 100 Hunt Valley, Maryland 21030 (Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (410) 229-4400

Ttem 9. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On May 5, 2004, Millennium Chemicals announced the postponement of its previously announced conference call on first quarter operating results and outlook scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on May 5, 2004. The postponement of the call and the issuance of first quarter operating results is necessary to provide Millennium with additional time to analyze the potential accounting ramifications of revised FASB Interpretation No. 46, Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities. Millennium's May 5, 2004 press release regarding the postponement of the earnings release and conference call and the provision of information on first quarter results is being furnished with this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1. The foregoing press release shall not be deemed to be "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section.

Exhibit Description

99.1 Press Release issued May 5, 2004

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Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition. This press release is being furnished pursuant to Item 9 and Item 12. SIGNATURES Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on behalf of the undersigned hereunto duly authorized. Dated: May 5, 2004 MILLENNIUM CHEMICALS INC. By:/C. William Carmean/ C. William Carmean Senior Vice President, General Counsel & Secretary EXHIBIT INDEX Exhibit Description -----_____ 99.1 Press release issued May 5, 2004

STATEMENT OF DIFFERENCES

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