

NICE SYSTEMS LTD
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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FORM 6-K

**REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER
PURSUANT TO RULE 13A-16 OR 15D-16 OF
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For February 2, 2005

NICE-SYSTEMS LTD.

(Translation of Registrant's Name into English)

8 Hapnina Street, P.O. Box 690, Ra'anana, Israel

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

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This Report on Form 6-K of NICE consists of the following documents, which are attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein:

Press Release: Nice Systems Reports Record Fourth Quarter and Full Year 2004 Results.

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, thereunto duly authorized.

NICE-SYSTEMS LTD.

By: /s/ Ran Oz

Name: Ran Oz

Title: Corporate Vice President

And Chief Financial Officer

Dated: February 2, 2005

Nice Systems Reports Record Fourth Quarter and Full Year 2004 Results

Highlights:

- Q4 record revenue up 13% year over year; 9% sequential increase
- Q4 gross margin improved to 56%
- Q4 GAAP EPS of \$0.47
- FY 2004 revenue increased 13% to a record of \$252.6 million
- FY 2004 GAAP EPS of \$1.14
- Year-end 2004 cash and equivalents of \$165.9 million

Ra'anana, Israel, February 02, 2005 - NICE Systems (NASDAQ: NICE), the global provider of advanced solutions that enable organizations to extract insight from interactions to drive performance, today announced results for the fourth quarter and full year ending December 31, 2004.

Fourth quarter GAAP revenue was \$69.5 million at the upper end of the Company's guidance range. Fourth quarter GAAP revenue represents a 13% increase from \$61.7 million in the fourth quarter of 2003, and a 9% sequential increase from \$63.5 million in the third quarter of 2004. Revenues for the year reached a record high of \$252.6 million, a 13% increase from \$224.3 million in 2003.

Gross margin in the fourth quarter reached a record 56%, up from 54.7% in the third quarter of 2004 and 55.5% in the fourth quarter a year ago. Gross margin for the year reached 54.8% compared with 52.6% achieved for the year 2003.

Operating expenses from continuing operations, excluding restructuring and settlement costs, increased slightly to \$30 million but declined as a percent of revenue to 43.1% compared with 46.7% in the third quarter of 2004 and 44.6% in the fourth quarter of 2003. Operating margin increased to 12.9% from 8.1% in the third quarter of 2004 and 10.9% in the fourth quarter of 2003. For the year, operating margin increased to 7.9% from 5.2% in 2003.

2003 figures are reported both on a GAAP basis, which include a \$7.1 million one-time restructuring and settlement costs, and on a non-GAAP basis excluding this charge, to make year-on-year comparisons more meaningful.

On a GAAP basis, fourth quarter net income from continuing operations was \$9 million, or \$0.47 per fully diluted share, compared with net income of \$5.2 million, or \$0.28 per share, on a fully diluted basis, in the third quarter of 2004. In the fourth quarter of 2003, GAAP net income from continuing operations was \$1.6 million, or \$0.09 per share. Excluding restructuring and settlement charges, non-GAAP net income from continuing operation in the fourth quarter of 2003 was \$6.7 million, or \$0.37 per fully diluted share.

Net income from continuing operations for the year was \$21.3 million or \$1.14 per fully diluted share, compared with net income from continuing operations of \$5.6 million or \$0.33 per fully diluted share for 2003. Excluding restructuring and settlement charges, non-GAAP net income from continuing operations for 2003 was \$12.4 million or \$0.74 per fully diluted share.

Total cash and equivalents at December 31, 2004 rose to \$165.9 million compared with \$146 million at September 30, 2004 and with \$107.3 million at the end of 2003. DSOs at year-end stood at 67 days compared with 68 days at the end of the third quarter and 74 days at the end of 2003. The improvement during the year reflects aggressive working capital management.

Commenting on the quarterly results, Haim Shani, president and CEO of NICE said, "We had a strong finish to 2004, with revenue and net income reaching record levels. The 9% sequential increase in Q4 revenue represents growth in all parts of our business and across all regions. Our continued improvement in gross margin reflects improvement in both product and services margins."

"2004 was a pivotal year for NICE, with record results in all the performance parameters", said Mr. Shani, "We grew our revenue by 13% and reported a gross margin that was more than 220 basis points higher than 2003. We achieved record profitability, and generated more than \$44 million in operating cash flow for the year."

"In 2004 we strengthened our leadership position in our core recording and quality monitoring business, and continued to lead the VoIP market for contact centers and trading floors. We also made good progress in shifting from a product-focused company to a solution- focused company. Towards this end we successfully introduced our advanced content analytics applications for performance improvement and security enhancement. Our enterprise interaction solution NICE Perform has already been adopted by 15 different customers, and has been instrumental both in winning competitive situations and in replacing existing competitive products."

"We leveraged our TCS acquisition to grow EMEA market share, and advanced cooperation with our strategic partners for the enterprise and public sectors, achieving significant wins with Avaya, IPC, Motorola and IBM. Overall we finished 2004 well positioned to continue to reward shareholders in the future."

"For 2005 we reiterate our previous guidance and expect to see 9 - 11% growth in revenues from the \$252.6 million reported in 2004 to between \$275 and \$280 million and a 23 - 32% increase from 2004 EPS of \$1.14 to between \$1.4 and \$1.5 per share for 2005. We expect normal seasonality in Q1 2005 with revenue of between \$63.5 and \$66.5 million, a 9 - 14% increase from \$58.3 million in Q1 2004, with EPS between \$0.24 and \$0.29, a 71 - 109% increase from \$0.14 in Q1 2004. This demonstrates the Company's strong business model that leverages its operational platform, which translates into greater bottom line growth and higher profitability."

Conference Call

NICE will host a conference call to discuss the results and its business outlook today at 8:30 a.m. EST (15:30 Israel). The call will be broadcast live on the internet via NICE's website at www.nice.com. A telephone replay will be available for up to 72 hours after the call. The replay information: US Toll-free: 1-866-276-1485; International: ++972-3-925-5930; Israel: 03-925-5930.

About NICE

NICE Systems (NASDAQ: NICE) headquartered in Ra'anana, Israel, is the global provider of advanced solutions that enable organizations to extract the value hidden within multimedia interactions. NICE solutions sharpen the awareness of organizations to help them generate insight from interactions for improved decision-making, better performance and enhanced security. NICE has more than 15,000 customers in over 100 countries, including the world's top ten banks and over 65% of the Fortune 100. More information is available at www.nice.com.

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NICE SYSTEMS LTD. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

U.S. dollars in thousands (except per share amounts)

	Three months ended		Twelve months ended	
	December 31,		December 31,	
	2003	2004	2003	2004
	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited	Audited
Revenue				
Product	\$ 45,387	\$ 51,395	\$ 168,055	\$ 182,616
Services	16,333	18,124	56,203	70,027
Total revenue	61,720	69,519	224,258	252,643
Cost of revenue				
Product	16,152	17,704	64,231	64,432
Services	11,297	12,870	42,084	49,876
Total cost of revenue	27,449	30,574	106,315	114,308
Gross Profit	34,271	38,945	117,943	138,335
Operating Expenses:				
Research and development, net	5,991	6,349	22,833	24,866
Selling and marketing	13,971	15,807	53,701	62,172
General and administrative	7,561	7,816	29,840	31,269
Restructuring and other special charges	5,381	-	7,082	-
Total operating expenses	32,904	29,972	113,456	118,307
Operating income	1,367	8,973	4,487	20,028
Financial income, net	349	790	2,034	3,556
Other income (expense), net	286	49	292	54
Income before taxes on income	2,002	9,812	6,813	23,638
Taxes on income	385	794	1,205	2,319
Net income from continuing operations	1,617	9,018	5,608	21,319

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Net income from discontinued operation	298	-	1,483	3,236
Net income	\$ 1,915	\$ 9,018	\$ 7,091	\$ 24,555
Basic income per share from continuing operations	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.50	\$ 0.35	\$ 1.22
Basic income per share from discontinued operation	\$ 0.02	-	\$ 0.09	\$ 0.18
Basic income per share	\$ 0.12	\$ 0.50	\$ 0.44	\$ 1.40
Diluted income per share from continuing operations	\$ 0.09	\$ 0.47	\$ 0.33	\$ 1.14
Diluted income per share from discontinued operation	\$ 0.02	-	\$ 0.09	\$ 0.17
Diluted income per share	\$ 0.11	\$ 0.47	\$ 0.42	\$ 1.31
Weighted average number of shares outstanding used to compute:				
Basic income per share	16,479	17,892	16,038	17,497
Diluted income per share	17,956	19,141	16,781	18,703

**NICE SYSTEMS LTD. AND SUBSIDIARIES
FOR COMPARATIVE PURPOSES
NET INCOME AND INCOME PER SHARE EXCLUDING RESTRUCTURING COST,
AND OTHER SPECIAL CHARGES**

U.S. dollars in thousands (except per share amounts)

	Three months ended December 31,		Twelve months ended December 31,	
	2003 Unaudited	2004 Unaudited	2003 Audited	2004 Audited
GAAP net income	\$ 1,915	\$ 9,018	\$ 7,091	\$ 24,555
Adjustments:				
GAAP net income from discontinued operation	(298)	-	(1,483)	(3,236)
Restructuring and other special charges	5,381	-	7,082	-
Other non-operating expense (income)	(300)	-	(300)	-
Non-GAAP net income from continuing operations	\$ 6,698	\$ 9,018	\$ 12,390	\$ 21,319
Non-GAAP basic income per share from continuing operations	\$ 0.41	\$ 0.50	\$ 0.77	\$ 1.22
Non-GAAP diluted income per share from continuing operations	\$ 0.37	\$ 0.47	\$ 0.74	\$ 1.14

NICE SYSTEMS LTD. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
U.S. dollars in thousands

December 31, December 31,