

HIGH INCOME OPPORTUNITY FUND INC

Form 8-K

September 21, 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) September 21, 2005

High Income Opportunity Fund Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

811-07920
(Commission File Number)

13-3735236
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

300 First Stamford Place, 4th Floor, Stamford, CT
(Address of principal executive offices)

06902
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (203) 890-7041

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Item 8.01 Other Events.

On September 21, 2005, High Income Opportunity Fund Inc. (the Fund) issued a press release regarding potential administrative proceedings by the Securities and Exchange Commission against the Fund's investment adviser and an affiliated adviser relating to disclosure of the source of dividends and distributions paid to shareholders of certain funds.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

**Exhibit
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99.1 High Income Opportunity Fund Inc. press release, dated September 21, 2005.

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.

High Income Opportunity Fund Inc.

(Registrant)

Date: September 21, 2005

/s/ Thomas C. Mandia

(Signature)

Name: Thomas C. Mandia

Title: Assistant Secretary

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99.1 Press release of the Fund, dated September 21, 2005.