

NETWORK APPLIANCE INC  
Form 8-K  
December 21, 2005

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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):

December 16, 2005

Network Appliance Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

0-27130

77-0307520

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

495 East Java Drive, Sunnyvale, California

94089

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(408) 822-6000

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

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- Pre-commencement communications 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 December 16, 2005, Network Appliance Inc. ("the Company") entered into a \$38.5 million financing, construction and leasing arrangement with BNP Paribas LLC ("BNP") for approximately 190,000 square feet of office space to be located on land currently owned by the Company in Sunnyvale, California.

Under the terms of the transaction documents, the Company has agreed to lease its land to BNP for a period of 50 years, as the construction manager for BNP, to complete construction of the office buildings by approximately June 2007, and to lease the completed buildings from BNP for a term expiring on the first Business Day of July 2012. The lease can be renewed for up to two consecutive periods of five years each upon approval by BNP and satisfaction of the other conditions to extension set forth in the transaction documents. This lease arrangement requires the Company ("the Lessee") to pay minimum lease payments after completion of construction which vary based on London Interbank Offered Rate ("LIBOR") plus a spread. In addition, the Company must pay certain fees (including, commitment and administrative agency fees), and, following completion of construction, all of the taxes, insurance, ground lease rent, maintenance, and repair costs with respect to the project.

Upon the expiration of the term (or upon any earlier termination) of the lease term, the Company must elect one of the following options: (i) the Company may purchase the building for \$38.5 million, generally, the Break-Even Price, (ii) if certain conditions are met, the Company may arrange for the sale of the building to a third party provided that the Company pays any deficiency between the sales proceeds and the Break Even Amount, up to a maximum \$32.725 million, or (iii) the Company makes a supplemental payment to BNP equal to \$32.725 million, in which event, the Company will have the opportunity to recoup some or all of such payment by arranging for the sale of the building during the ensuing 2 year period.

In connection with the transaction, the Company has agreed to maintain specified financial covenants which include a maximum ratio of Total Debt to Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation and Amortization ("EBITDA") and a Minimum Unencumbered Cash and Short Term Investments (the sum of the unrestricted cash and unencumbered short term cash investments and unencumbered marketable securities.)

The foregoing description of the agreements does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by the terms and conditions of the Lease Agreements, which will be filed as an exhibit to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for period ending January 27, 2006.

**Item 2.03 Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.**

The disclosure provided in Item 1.01 "Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement" is incorporated by reference into this Item 2.03 as if fully set forth herein.

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**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.

Network Appliance Inc.

*December 21, 2005*

By: */s/ Andrew Kryder*

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*Name: Andrew Kryder*

*Title: Secretary, General Counsel, and Vice President, Legal and Tax*