LOWES COMPANIES INC Form 8-K May 17, 2004

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)

May 17, 2004

LOWE'S COMPANIES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

North Carolina

1-7898

56-0578072

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

1000 Lowe's Blvd., Mooresville, NC

28117

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code) Registrant's telephone number, including area code (704) 758-1000

Item 7.

Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release dated May 17, 2004, announcing the financial results of Lowe's Companies, Inc. (the "Company") for its first quarter ended April 30, 2004.

<u>Item 12</u>.

Results of Operations and Financial Condition

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On May 17, 2004, the Company issued a press release, furnished as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference, announcing the Company's financial results for the quarter ended April 30, 2004.

The information contained in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including the exhibit attached hereto, is being furnished and shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section. Furthermore, the information contained in this Current Report on Form 8-K shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document filed pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

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 thereunto duly authorized.

LOWE'S COMPANIES, INC.

May 17, 2004

Date

/s/Kenneth W. Black, Jr.

Kenneth W. Black, Jr.

Senior Vice President and

Chief Accounting Officer

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