

NEWS CORP
Form 8-K
March 22, 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): March 22, 2005 (March 21, 2005)

NEWS CORPORATION
(EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER)

Delaware
(STATE OR OTHER JURISDICTION
OF INCORPORATION)

000-32352
(COMMISSION FILE NUMBER)

26-0075658
(IRS EMPLOYER
IDENTIFICATION NO.)

1211 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10036
(ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES, INCLUDING ZIP CODE)

(212) 852-7000
(REGISTRANT'S TELEPHONE NUMBER, INCLUDING AREA CODE)

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))



ITEM 2.01 COMPLETION OF ACQUISITION OR DISPOSITION OF ASSETS.

On March 21, 2005, News Corporation announced that it completed its previously announced acquisition of Fox Entertainment Group, Inc. s (Fox) Class A common stock that News Corporation did not already own.

In a short-form merger of Fox with and into News Corporation s wholly owned subsidiary, Fox Acquisition Corp, each share of Fox Class A common stock, other than those owned by News Corporation or its subsidiaries, was converted into 2.04 shares of News Corporation Class A common stock, subject to the rights of stockholders to seek appraisal under Delaware law.

News Corporation previously announced that it had been advised by the exchange agent for its previously announced exchange offer that a total of 414,889,385 shares of Fox Class A common stock were tendered in the exchange offer (including shares subject to guarantees of delivery), which expired at 12:00 Midnight, New York City time, on March 18, 2005, and that all such shares were accepted for exchange.

A copy of the press release announcing the completion of the exchange offer and short-form merger is attached hereto as exhibit 99.1.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibits.

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press release of News Corporation dated March 21, 2005



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.

NEWS CORPORATION
(REGISTRANT)

By: /s/ Lawrence A. Jacobs

Name: Lawrence A. Jacobs
Title: Senior Executive Vice President and
Group General Counsel

Dated: March 22, 2005

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