

COVANCE INC
Form 8-K
January 27, 2005

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, DC 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) **January 26, 2005**

Covance Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

1-12213
(Commission
File Number)

22-3265977
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

210 Carnegie Center, Princeton, New Jersey
(Address of principal executive offices)

08540
(Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code **609-452-4440**

N/A
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

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 - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

The following information shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), or incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

On January 26, 2005, Covance Inc. (the Company) announced its preliminary financial results for the three month period ended December 31, 2004. The Company issued press release announcing these financial results is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release of Covance Inc. dated January 26, 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.

COVANCE INC.

Date: January 26, 2005

/s/ William E. Klitgaard
Name: William E. Klitgaard
Title: Corporate Senior Vice President
and Chief Financial Officer

Exhibit Index

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press release issued by Covance Inc. on January 26, 2005