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DUANE READE INC Form 8-K March 12, 2004

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 11, 2004

DUANE READE INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

DELAWARE

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

001-13843 04-3164702

_____ (Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

440 NINTH AVENUE NEW YORK, NEW YORK

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

(212) 273-5700

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

N/A

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

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS

On February 18, 2004, a National Labor Relations Board Administrative Law Judge issued a recommendation in a litigation matter involving Duane Reade Inc. (the "Company") and the Allied Trades Council, a union representing employees in 139 of the Company's stores. In connection with this recommendation and the resultant financial reporting consequences, the Company issued the press release attached hereto on March 11, 2004.

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND EXHIBITS

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- a) Financial Statements. Not Applicable
- b) Pro Forma Financial Information. Not Applicable
- c) Exhibits

The following materials are attached as exhibits to this Current Report on Form $8\text{-}\mathrm{K}$

EXHIBIT

NUMBER DESCRIPTION

99.1 Press Release, dated March 11, 2004

ITEM 12. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

On March 11, 2004, Duane Reade Inc. issued a press release amending its financial results for the quarter and year ended December 27, 2003. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated by reference into this Item.

The information contained in Item 12 of this Current Report on Form 8-K (including the press release) is being furnished and shall not be deemed "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section. The information contained in Item 12 of this Current Report on Form 8-K (including the press release) shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in any such filing.

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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.

Date: March 11, 2004

DUANE READE INC.

By: /s/ Michelle D. Bergman

Michelle D. Bergman

Vice President and General Counsel

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