MCLEODUSA INC Form 8-K October 19, 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) October 19, 2005

MCLEODUSA INCORPORATED

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

DELAWARE

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

0-20763 (Commission File Number)

McLeodUSA Technology Park 4200 C. Street SW, P.O. Box 3177 Cedar Rapids, IA (Address of Principal Executive Offices) **42-1407240** (IRS Employer Identification No.)

> 52406-3177 (Zip Code)

(319) 364-0000

(Registrant s Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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

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o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

ITEM 7.01 REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

On October 19, 2005, McLeodUSA Incorporated (the Company) issued a press release, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1, announcing that it has begun the solicitation process for approval from the Company s lenders for a restructuring of its approximately \$777.3 million in bank debt plus accrued interest. In order to seek the approval of the restructuring plan from its lenders, the Company is distributing certain solicitation materials to its lenders, dated October 19, 2005, including a copy of the Joint Prepackaged Plan of Reorganization, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2. If the required approvals are received, the restructuring will be accomplished through a prepackaged plan of reorganization for the Company and its subsidiaries pursuant to a Chapter 11 bankruptcy filing. All of the Company s existing Preferred Stock and Common Stock will be cancelled, and holders of that stock will have no recovery.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

Exhibit No.Description99.1Press Release, dated October 19, 200599.2Joint Prepackaged Plan of Reorganization of McLeodUSA Incorporated and its Affiliate Debtors

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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.

MCLEODUSA INCORPORATED

/s/ James E. Thompson

Dated: October 19, 2005

By: Name: Title:

James E. Thompson Group Vice President and General Counsel and Secretary

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