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Form 8-K  
December 17, 2004

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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FORM 8-K

Current Report

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities  
Exchange Act of 1934

December 17, 2004 (December 16, 2004)  
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

Pitney Bowes Inc.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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|---|--------------------------|---|
| Delaware  | 1-3579                   | 06-0495050                              |
| (State or other jurisdiction of<br>incorporation or organization) | (Commission file number) | (I.R.S. Employer<br>Identification No.) |

World Headquarters  
1 Elmcroft Road  
Stamford, Connecticut 06926-0700  
(Address of principal executive offices)

(203) 356-5000  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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240.14a-12)
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Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
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Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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ITEM 8.01. OTHER EVENTS

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The Company's press release dated December 16, 2004 regarding its announcement of the acquisition of Groupe MAG is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 9.01. Financial statements and exhibits

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press release of Pitney Bowes Inc. dated December 16, 2004

### 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 thereunto duly authorized.

Pitney Bowes Inc.

December 17, 2004

/s/ B.P. Nolop

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B. P. Nolop  
Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer  
(Principal Financial Officer)

/s/ J.R. Catapano

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J. R. Catapano  
Controller  
(Principal Accounting Officer)

Exhibit 99.1

### PITNEY BOWES ACQUIRES GROUPE MAG

STAMFORD, Conn., December 16th, 2004 - Pitney Bowes Inc. (NYSE:PBI) today announced that it has acquired Groupe MAG, a distributor of finishing equipment used by commercial printers, and production mail equipment, software and service

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in France, Belgium and Luxembourg. This business will be managed as a separate unit within the company's International operation, which is led by Patrick Keddy, President, Mailstream International. "Today's transaction is another step in our strategy to enhance customer value and grow our business," said Michael J. Critelli, Chairman and CEO of Pitney Bowes. "With this acquisition we continue to extend our distribution capabilities and reconfirm our commitment to Document Messaging Technologies in our International markets."

For the fiscal year ended March 31, 2004 Groupe MAG generated revenue of Euros 43 million. In accordance with French labor law, the proposed transaction has received a positive opinion from Groupe MAG's employee representatives. It has approximately 225 employees in six offices in France and one in Belgium.

Pitney Bowes is the world's leading provider of integrated mail and document management systems, services and solutions. The \$4.6 billion company helps organizations of all sizes efficiently and effectively manage their mission-critical mail and document flow in physical, digital and hybrid formats. Its solutions range from addressing software and metering systems to print stream management, electronic bill presentment and presort mail services. The company's 80-plus years of technological leadership has produced many major innovations in the mailing industry and more than 3,500 active patents with applications in a variety of markets, including printing, shipping, encryption, and financial services. With approximately 33,000 employees worldwide, Pitney Bowes serves more than 2 million businesses through direct and dealer operations. For more information about Pitney Bowes please visit [www.pb.com](http://www.pb.com).

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