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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) July 21, 2005

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MCLEODUSA INCORPO	DRATED			
(Exact Name of Registrant as Spe	ecified in Its Charter)			
DELAWARE				
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)				
0-20763	42-1407240			
(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)			
McLeodUSA Technology Park 4200 C. Street SW, P.O. Box 3177 Cedar Rapids, IA	52406-3177			
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)	(Zip Code)			
(319) 364-000	00			
(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)				
(Former Name or Former Address, if (Changed Since Last Report)			
Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):				
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_ Pre-commencement communications purs Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))	suant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the			

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On July 21, 2005, McLeodUSA Incorporated ("the Company") issued a press release, which is hereby incorporated by reference and attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1, announcing that the Company and certain of its subsidiaries ("Subsidiary Guarantors") had entered into a Third Forbearance Agreement, on the same date, among the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors, certain of the Lenders (as defined below), and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. ("Agent"), as Administrative Agent (the "Third Forbearance Agreement"), which is hereby incorporated by reference and attached hereto as Exhibit 10.1. The Third Forbearance Agreement relates to (1) the Credit Agreement dated as of May 31, 2000, as amended, among the Company, the lenders party thereto and the Agent (the "Credit Agreement"), (2) the Credit Agreement dated as of April 16, 2002, as amended, among the Company, the lenders party thereto and the Agent (the "Exit Facility" and, together with the Credit Agreement, the "Credit Facilities"; and the lenders under each of the Credit Facilities, the "Lenders") and (3) the Subsidiary Guarantee Agreement dated as of May 31, 2000, as amended and restated as of April 16, 2002, among the Subsidiary Guarantors and the Agent. The Third Forbearance Agreement was entered into upon the expiration on July 21, 2005 of the Second Forbearance Agreement, entered into as of May 23, 2005, and extends the forbearance period to September 9, 2005.

Pursuant to the Third Forbearance Agreement, the Lenders have agreed to continue to forbear from exercising any remedies as a result of certain specified defaults under the Credit Facilities anticipated by the Company during the forbearance period, including, without limitation, the failure to make scheduled amortization payments under the Credit Facilities and interest payments under the Credit Agreement. In addition, certain of the Company's accounts will continue to be subject to control agreements and certain restrictions on the sale of certain assets and on the use of cash obtained through the sale of certain assets will continue to be in effect. Theodore J. Forstmann, director and stockholder of the Company, and a General Partner in certain funds affiliated with Forstmann Little & Co. which collectively hold a controlling interest in the Company's voting securities, is a lender party to the Credit Agreement.

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Third Forbearance Agreement, dated as of July 21, 2005, among McLeodUSA Incorporated (the "Borrower"), each of the Subsidiaries of the Borrower listed on Schedule I thereto (the "Subsidiary Guarantors"), the financial institutions named on the signature pages thereto (together with their

respective successors and assigns, the "Participant Lenders") and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as agent for the Lenders (the

"Administrative Agent")

99.1 Press Release, dated July 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.

MCLEODUSA INCORPORATED

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Dated: July 21, 2005 By: /s/ G. Kenneth Burckhardt

Name: G. Kenneth Burckhardt

Title: Executive Vice President and

Chief Financial Officer

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