

COAST DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM INC  
Form DEFA14A  
December 21, 2005

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**UNITED STATES**  
**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**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): December 20, 2005**

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**THE COAST DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

**350 Woodview Avenue, Morgan Hill, California**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**1-9511**  
(Commission

File Number)

**94-2490990**  
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

**95037**  
(Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (408) 782-6686**

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N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**ITEM 8.01. OTHER EVENTS**

On December 20, 2005, The Coast Distribution System, Inc. issued a press release reporting that its Board of Directors had held a special meeting to consider the unsolicited proposal publicly disclosed by Bell Industries on the morning of December 15, 2005, and received by Coast Distribution late that day. Although the Board discussed the proposal, it decided not to take any action until it selects and retains an investment banking firm to support the Board in its deliberative process.

In the press release, the Company also stated that its Board has just begun this process; no decisions have been made by the Board respect to the Company's response, if any, to Bell's proposal; and that the Board will proceed in a timely and orderly manner to consider the proposal and its implications. The Company also said that it does not intend to comment on the proposal until it completes its review and will not speculate as to any future course of action it might take.

The foregoing description of the contents of the press release is qualified by reference to that press release, in its entirety, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and which, by this reference, is incorporated in full into this report.

**ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS**

(c) Exhibits.

The following exhibit is filed as part of this report:

| <u>Exhibit No.</u> | <u>Description</u>   |
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| 99.1               | Press Release issued December 20, 2005 reporting on Board Meeting held relating to Bell Industries December 15, 2005 announcement. |

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this Current Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, hereunto duly authorized.

THE COAST DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM, INC.

Dated: December 20, 2005

By: */s/ SANDRA A. KNELL*  
Sandra A. Knell, Chief Financial Officer

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