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UNITED STATES

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) December 16, 2004

Carnival Corporation (Exact name of registrant

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter) as specified in its charter)

Republic of Panama of incorporation)

England and Wales (State or other jurisdiction (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

Carnival plc

1-9610

1-15136 (Commission File Number) (Commission File Number)

None

59-1562976 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

offices) (Zip Code)

3655 N.W. 87th Avenue Carnival House, 5 Gainsford Street,
Miami, Florida 33178-2428 London SE1 2NE, United Kingdom
(Address of principal executive (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(305) 599-2600 (Registrant's telephone number, (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

011 44 20 7940 5381 including area code)

None if changed since last report)

None (Former name or former address, (Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Section 2 - Financial Information

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On December 16, 2004 Carnival Corporation & plc issued a press release entitled "Carnival Corporation & plc Reports Fourth Quarter And Full Year Earnings." A copy of this press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report. This information shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and is not incorporated by reference into any filing of either Carnival Corporation or Carnival plc, whether made before or after the date of this report, regardless of any general incorporation language in the filing.

Section 9 - Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 Press release, dated December 16, 2004 (furnished pursuant to Item 2.02).

SIGNATURES

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

CARNIVAL CORPORATION

CARNIVAL PLC

By: /s/ Gerald R. Cahill

Name: Gerald R. Cahill

Title: Executive Vice President

and Chief Financial and Accounting Officer

Date: December 16, 2004

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