

DOT HILL SYSTEMS CORP
Form 8-K
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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 29, 2005

Dot Hill Systems Corp.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)

1-13317
(Commission File Number)

13-3460176
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

6305 El Camino Real, Carlsbad, California
(Address of principal executive offices)

92009
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(760) 931-5500**

Not Applicable.

(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 1.01 **Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.**

On December 29, 2005, we entered into a Patent Cross License with International Business Machines Corporation (IBM). Pursuant to the Patent Cross License, each party acquired a nonexclusive worldwide license under certain of the other party's patents related to information handling systems. In connection with the Patent Cross License, we paid IBM a one-time licensing fee of \$2.5 million. The Patent Cross License will be recorded as an intangible asset and amortized over the patents' applicable useful lives.

SIGNATURE

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.

DOT HILL SYSTEMS CORP.

By: /s/ Preston Romm
Preston Romm
*Chief Financial Officer, Vice President,
Finance, Secretary and Treasurer*

Date: January 5, 2005