

GOODYEAR TIRE & RUBBER CO /OH/  
Form 8-K  
March 18, 2005

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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):

March 18, 2005

The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company

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

Ohio

1-1927

34-0253240

\_\_\_\_\_  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Commission  
File Number)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

1144 East Market Street, Akron, Ohio

44316-0001

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address of principal executive offices)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

330-796-2121

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 8.01. Other Events.**

On March 18, 2005, The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company (the "Company") issued a news release announcing that it intends to seek commitments to add a \$300 million third-lien secured term loan facility to the planned \$3.35 billion refinancing previously announced on February 23, 2005. The previously announced refinancing as well as the additional \$300 million third-lien secured term loan facility are subject to the receipt of lender commitments and the execution of definitive documentation and are expected to close in early April. The news release dated March 18, 2005, is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference herein.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

Exhibit 99.1 --- News Release dated March 18, 2005

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**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.

The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company

*March 18, 2005*

*By: Richard J. Kramer*

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*Name: Richard J. Kramer*

*Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer*

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| <b><u>Exhibit No.</u></b> | <b><u>Description</u></b>         |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 99.1                      | News Release dated March 18, 2005 |