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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) January 25, 2005 (January 25, 2005)

#### STORAGE TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant As Specified In Its Charter)

**Delaware** (State or jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-7534 (Commission File Number) 84-0593263 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

One StorageTek Drive, Louisville, Colorado 80028-4309 (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code (303) 673-5151

Not applicable (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:

- O Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- O Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

#### Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

The following information is furnished pursuant to Item 2.02, Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On January 25, 2005, StorageTek announced its results of operations and financial condition for the fiscal quarter ended December 31, 2004 in a Press Release, dated January 25, 2005, a copy of which is furnished as Exhibit 99.1.

On January 25, 2005, StorageTek conducted its Fourth Quarter 2004 Financial Results Conference Call (the Conference Call ) for the fiscal quarter ended December 31, 2004. A copy of the script of the prepared remarks of StorageTek s Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer, Patrick J. Martin, for the Conference Call is furnished as Exhibit 99.2. A copy of the script of the prepared remarks of

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StorageTek s Corporate Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Robert S. Kocol, for the Conference Call is furnished as Exhibit 99.3.

#### **Exhibit Index**

- 99.1 Press Release, dated January 25, 2005 relating to StorageTek s results of operations and financial condition for the fiscal quarter ended December 31, 2004.
- 99.2 Script of prepared remarks of StorageTek s Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer, Patrick J. Martin, for the Conference Call.
- 99.3 Script of prepared remarks of StorageTek s Corporate Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Robert S. Kocol, for the Conference Call.

Certain statements, projections and forecasts contained herein regarding StorageTek s future performance and financial results, future products, and business plans constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements can be identified by the use of words such as may, will, should, expects, plans, anticipates, and believes. The number of risks and uncertainties that could cause StorageTek s actual results to differ materially.

Some of these risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, StorageTek s ability to develop, manufacture and market new products and services successfully; the effect of product mix and distribution channel mix on our gross margins; our ability to execute our Information Lifecycle Management strategy; competitive pricing pressures; rapid technological changes in the markets in which we compete; our ability to attract and retain highly skilled employees; changes in our management; our ability to protect and develop intellectual property rights; our reliance on certain sole source suppliers; our ability to obtain quality parts and components in a timely manner; general economic conditions in the United States and globally; and other risks described in StorageTek s Annual Report on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, and Current Reports on Form 8-K that are filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and which are available on the SEC s website.

### Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

The information furnished under Item 2.02 of this Report on Form 8-K is hereby incorporated in Item 7.01 by reference.

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#### **SIGNATURE**

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

Date: January 25, 2005 Storage Technology Corporation

By: /s/ Thomas G. Arnold

Vice President, Corporate Controller

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