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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) February 7, 2005
(February 7, 2005)

ACTIVISION, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware

0-12699

95-4803544

(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

(Commission
File Number)

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

3100 Ocean Park Blvd., Santa Monica, CA

90405

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

(310) 255-2000

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

(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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- 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))
- 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.

On February 7, 2005, Activision, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing its financial results for the fiscal quarter ended December 31, 2004. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

The information in this Form 8-K and the Exhibit attached hereto shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the

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Securities Act of 1933, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release of the Company, dated February 7, 2005.

Use of Non-GAAP Financial Information

The Company's press release, and other communications from time to time, include certain non-GAAP financial measures. A "non-GAAP financial measure" is defined as a numerical measure of a company's financial performance, financial position or cash flows that excludes (or includes) amounts that are included in (or excluded from) the most directly comparable measure calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP in the Company's financial statements.

The attached press release utilizes a measure of free cash flow. Free cash flow is defined as operating cash flow less capital expenditures. The Company's management believes that although free cash flow does not represent the amount of money available for the Company's discretionary spending because certain obligations of the Company must be funded out of free cash flow, it nevertheless provides a useful measure of liquidity for assessing the amount of cash available for general corporate and strategic purposes after funding operating activities and capital expenditures, and deferred costs.

In addition, return on invested capital, also included in the attached press release, is a non-GAAP financial measure. Management defines "return on invested capital" as net income, less investment income plus tax paid on investment income. Invested capital is calculated as average total assets (over a trailing four-quarter period), less average cash and short term investments (over a trailing four-quarter period), less average non-interest bearing current liabilities (over a trailing four-quarter period). Management believes that return on invested capital is useful because it provides investors with additional useful information for evaluating the efficiency of the Company's capital deployed in its operations. Return on invested capital does not consider whether the business is financed with debt or equity, but rather calculates a return on all capital invested in the business.

The non-GAAP financial measures used by the Company in the attached press release may not be comparable to similarly titled measures used by other companies and should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for measures of performance or liquidity prepared in accordance with GAAP.

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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.

ACTIVISION, INC.

By: /s/ Ronald Doornink

Name: Ronald Doornink
Title: President

Date: February 7, 2005

EXHIBIT INDEX

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