

DIRECTV GROUP INC
Form SC 13D/A
November 12, 2004

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D/A

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment No. 1)

DIRECTV GROUP, INC.

(FORMERLY HUGHES ELECTRONICS CORPORATION)

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share

(Title of Class of Securities)

444418 10 7

(CUSIP Number)

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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

November 12, 2004

(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS

S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS

News Corporation

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

(a)

(b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

Not Applicable

5 CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

7 SOLE VOTING POWER

470,420,752

Number Of

8 SHARED VOTING POWER

Shares

Beneficially

0

Owned By

9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

Each

Reporting

470,420,752

Person

10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

0

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY REPORTING PERSON

470,420,752

12 **CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES**

13 **PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)**

Approximately 34.0%

14 **TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON**

CO

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Pursuant to Section 13(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

in respect of

DIRECTV GROUP, INC. (FORMERLY HUGHES ELECTRONICS CORPORATION)

Introductory Statement

This Amendment No. 1 to the Statement on Schedule 13D relates to the Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share (Common Stock), of DIRECTV Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the Issuer). This Amendment amends and supplements the Statement originally filed on December 24, 2003 with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the Commission) by The News Corporation Limited (TNCL), K. Rupert Murdoch and Fox Entertainment Group, Inc. (Fox) (such Statement, the Prior Filing and collectively with this Amendment No. 1, this Statement). Unless otherwise defined herein, capitalized terms used herein shall have the meanings ascribed thereto in the Prior Filing.

This statement is filed in connection with a transaction pursuant to which TNCL, a previous reporting person hereunder, became an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of News Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the Reorganization). Prior to the Reorganization, TNCL was a reporting person because it was the ultimate parent corporation of the record owner of the Issuer s securities. Following the Reorganization, Fox remains the record owner of the Issuer s securities with News Corporation as the ultimate parent corporation. The Reorganization was effectuated through a share exchange in which TNCL shareholders received News Corporation shares in exchange for the cancellation of their TNCL shares. Immediately prior to the Reorganization, News Corporation had no assets or liabilities other than nominal assets or liabilities.

Item 2. Identity and Background.

Item 2 is amended and restated in its entirety to read as follows:

This Statement is being filed by (i) News Corporation (News Corporation), a Delaware corporation with its principal executive offices located at 1211 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10036, and (ii) Fox Entertainment Group, Inc. (FEG), a Delaware corporation, with its

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principal executive offices at 1211 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10036.

News Corporation and FEG are referred to herein collectively as the Reporting Persons. The name, residence or business address, principal occupation or employment and the name, principal business, and address of any corporation or other organization in which such employment is conducted with respect to each director and executive officer of the Reporting Persons are set forth in Schedule I attached hereto, which is incorporated herein by reference. To the knowledge of the Reporting Persons, each of the persons named on Schedule I (the Schedule I Persons) is a United States citizen unless otherwise indicated.

News Corporation is a diversified international media and entertainment company with operations in eight industry segments, including filmed entertainment, television, cable network programming, direct broadcast satellite television, magazines and inserts, newspapers, book publishing and other. The activities of News Corporation are conducted principally in the United States, the United Kingdom, Italy, Asia, Australia and the Pacific Basin.

FEG, an indirect subsidiary of News Corporation, is principally engaged in the development, production and worldwide distribution of feature films and television programs, television broadcasting and cable network programming. 82.1% of the equity and 97.0% of the voting power of FEG is owned by News Corporation through certain intermediaries.

During the last five years, none of the Reporting Persons or, to the best of the knowledge of the Reporting Persons, none of the Schedule I Persons has (i) been convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding minor traffic violations or similar misdemeanors),

or (ii) been a party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction a result of which it was or is subject to a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, federal or state securities laws or finding any violations with respect to such laws.

Item 4. Purpose of Transaction.

Item 4 is amended and restated to read in its entirety as follows:

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See Items 3 and 6, which are incorporated by reference herein.

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer.

Item 5 is amended and restated to read in its entirety as follows:

FEG is the record and beneficial owner of an aggregate of 470,420,752 shares of Common Stock, representing a 34% interest in the Issuer (FEG Owned Shares). News Corporation may be deemed to be the indirect beneficial owner of FEG Owned Shares by virtue of its holding approximately 82.1% of the equity and 97.0% of the voting power of FEG. For purposes of computing the percentage of beneficial ownership of the Reporting Persons, the total number of shares of Common Stock considered to be outstanding is 1,385,257,327.

Other than as stated herein, no transactions were effected by the Reporting Persons in the Common Stock during the 60 days preceding the date hereof.

SCHEDULE I

Schedule I is hereby amended and restated to read in its entirety as follows:

The name, business address and present principal occupation or employment of each of the executive officers and directors of the Reporting Persons:

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