

NEWS 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): February 8, 2005 (February 7, 2005)

News Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-32352

(Commission
File Number)

26-0075658

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

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1211 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10036

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(212) 852-7000**

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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On February 7, 2005, News Corporation (the Company) announced that a hearing has been scheduled to be held in the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware on March 1, 2005, to rule on plaintiffs' motion for a preliminary injunction prohibiting completion of the Company's previously announced exchange offer for outstanding shares of Fox Entertainment Group, Inc.'s (Fox) Class A common stock. The Company also announced that it has extended the exchange offer, previously scheduled to expire at midnight on February 22, 2005, until midnight, New York City time, on March 4, 2005. Plaintiffs' motion for a preliminary injunction was brought in connection with a previously filed purported class action lawsuit on behalf of Fox stockholders other than the Company. The Company believes that these claims are without merit and intends to vigorously contest such allegations.

Also on February 7, 2005, the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware entered an order consolidating the previously filed purported class action complaints brought on behalf of Fox stockholders other than the Company challenging the offer, designating the amended class action complaint filed by certain plaintiffs in connection therewith on January 27, 2005, as the operative complaint in the consolidated action and captioning the consolidated action as *In Re Fox Entertainment Group, Inc. Shareholders Litigation*, Consolidated C.A. No. 1033-N.

Attached as exhibit 99.1 is the press release issued by the Company announcing the hearing date and the extension of the exchange offer for all outstanding shares of Fox Class A common stock.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

99.1 Press release announcing the hearing date and the extension of the exchange offer for all outstanding shares of Fox Class A common stock, dated February 7, 2005.

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.

Date: February 8, 2005

NEWS CORPORATION

By: /s/ Lawrence A. Jacobs

Name: Lawrence A. Jacobs
Title: Senior Executive Vice President
and Group General Counsel

EXHIBIT INDEX

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press release announcing the hearing date and the extension of the exchange offer for all outstanding shares of Fox Class A common stock, dated February 7, 2005.