ALLIANCE GAMING CORP Form 8-K January 04, 2005

# 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): December 30, 2004

# **ALLIANCE GAMING CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Nevada

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

6601 S. Bermuda Rd.
Las Vegas, Nevada
(Address of principal executive offices)

88-0104066

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

89119

(Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (702) 270-7600

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

#### Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On December 30, 2004, Alliance Gaming Corporation ( Alliance or the Company ) entered into an agreement to pay \$40 million to buy out the contingent consideration ( earnout ) portion of the purchase price paid for the acquisition of Sierra Design Group ( SDG ). The original earnout was contingent upon SDG s achievement of certain revenue and EBITDA targets to be achieved over the next three fiscal years, and could have resulted in Alliance paying additional consideration totaling as much as \$95 million. The Company agreed to a one-time payment of \$12 million, and delivery of a \$28 million unsecured promissory note payable over 5 years with interest at LIBOR + 2%, to the former shareholder and certain employees of SDG in full satisfaction of the earnout. The promissory note is payable in cash or in shares of the Company s common stock, at the Company s election, and may be prepaid at any time. This \$40 million consideration paid will be treated by Alliance as additional purchase price for SDG, bringing the total purchase price to approximately \$165 million, and will be treated as additional goodwill for accounting purposes.

On January 4, 2005, Alliance issued a press release whereby it announced that it had amended the SDG purchase agreement.

#### ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, PRO FORMA FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

- (c) Exhibits
- (99) Press release dated January 4, 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, thereunto duly authorized.

#### ALLIANCE GAMING CORPORATION

By: /s/ Robert L. Saxton

Robert L. Saxton

Executive Vice President, Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer

Dated: January 4, 2005

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