

CATERPILLAR INC  
Form 8-K  
March 01, 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): **March 1, 2005**

**CATERPILLAR INC.**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

**1-768**  
(Commission File Number)

**37-0602744**  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**100 NE Adams Street, Peoria, Illinois**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**61629**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(309) 675-1000**

Former name or former address, if changed since last report: **N/A**

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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- 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 8.1. Other Events.**

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In support of our long-term commitment to providing products at optimal customer and shareholder value, Caterpillar has announced a general price increase of 1 to 5 percent for machinery and engines.

This price action, first announced to dealers worldwide this morning, is in line with general economic conditions and industry factors. It will be effective in late spring 2005.

As we have previously stated, our plan is to more than offset material cost increases with price realization in 2005. We are monitoring material costs and their impact on our results and will consider whether an update to our 2005 outlook is appropriate in our first quarter press release, currently scheduled to be issued on April 20, 2005.

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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.

**CATERPILLAR INC.**

March 1, 2005

By:

*/s/ James B. Buda*

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James B. Buda, Vice President