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> UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 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 2, 2005

Steven Madden, Ltd. (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware Delaware 0-23702 13-3588231 (State or Other Jurisdiction (Commission File (IRS Employer of Incorporation)

0-23702 Number)

13-3588231 Identification No.)

52-16 Barnett Avenue, Long Island City, New York (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

> 11104 (Zip Code)

(718) 446-1800 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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:

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- $|_|$ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
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Item 8.01. Other Events.

On February 2, 2005, Steven Madden, Ltd. (the "Company") entered into a settlement agreement (the "Settlement Agreement") with Barington Companies Equity Partners, L.P., Barington Companies Investors, LLC, James Mitarotonda, Barington Companies Offshore Fund, Ltd. (BVI), Barington Companies Advisors, LLC, Barington Capital Group, L.P., LNA Capital Corp., Parche, LLC, Starboard Value & Opportunity Fund, LLC, Admiral Advisors, LLC, Ramius Capital Group, LLC, C4S & Co., LLC, Peter A. Cohen, Morgan B. Stark, Jeffrey M. Solomon, Thomas W. Strauss, RJG Capital Partners, LP, RJG Capital Management, LLC and Ronald Gross (the foregoing individuals and entities being collectively referred to herein as the "Barington Group"). The Settlement Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference. On February 2, 2005, the Company issued a press release which includes a brief description of the terms and conditions of the Settlement Agreement. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

The following exhibits are filed as part of this report:

Exhibit

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Exhibit 99.1 Settlement Agreement, dated February 2, 2005, between the

Company and the Barington Group

Exhibit 99.2 Press release, dated February 2, 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.

STEVEN MADDEN, LTD.

Date: February 2, 2005 By: /s/ Jamieson A. Karson

Jamieson A. Karson

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

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