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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): January 4, 2005

THE COCA-COLA COMPANY (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 001-02217

58-0628465 (Commission (IRS Employer File Number) Identification No.)

One Coca-Cola Plaza Atlanta, Georgia (Address of principal executive offices)

30313 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (404) 676-2121

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Item 5.02(b). Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.

On January 4, 2005, Robert L. Nardelli notified The Coca-Cola Company (the "Company") of his decision not to stand for re-election to the Board of Directors of the Company at its 2005 Annual Meeting of Share Owners due to the increasing demands on his time at The Home Depot, Inc. A copy of the press release issued by the Company is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01(c). Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release of The Coca-Cola Company, dated January 6, 2005, regarding Robert L. Nardelli

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.

THE COCA-COLA COMPANY (REGISTRANT)

Date: January 6, 2005

By: /s/Sharon R.B. Case

Sharon R.B. Case Vice President and Deputy General Counsel

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