U	NITED STATES	
SECURITIES AN	ND EXCHANGE CO	OMMISSION
	Washington, D.C. 20549	
	FORM 8-K	
	CURRENT REPORT	
Pursuant To Section 13 (OR 15(d) Of The Securities Exc	hange Act Of 1934
Date of report (D	Pate of earliest event reported) Januar	y 4, 2005
PHO	OTRONICS, INC	•
(Exact na	nme of registrant as specified in its charter	
Connecticut (State or other jurisdiction	0-15451 (Commission File Number)	06-0854886 (IRS Employer
of incorporation)		Identification Number
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15 Secor Road, Brookfield, CT (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

06804 (Zip Code)

Registrant s Telephone Number, including area code (203) 775-9000

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(Former name or	former	address,	if changed	since la	ast report
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Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

On January 4, 2005, Photronics, Inc. and Edwin L. Lewis entered into a three year employment agreement for the position of Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary dated January 4, 2005 (the Employment Agreement) with certain severance payments if terminated involuntarily. The Employment Agreement will be attached as Exhibit 10.22 to Photronics 2004 10-K and further description will be provided in the Proxy Statement.

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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 hereunto duly authorized.

PHOTRONICS, INC.

(Registrant)

DATE January 4, 2005

BY /s/ Sean T. Smith

Sean T. Smith

Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

PHOTRONICS, INC.