

MCDONALDS CORP
Form 8-K
November 24, 2004

**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): November 22, 2004

McDONALD'S CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

1-5231
(Commission
File Number)

36-2361282
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

**One McDonald's Plaza
Oak Brook, Illinois**
(Address of principal executive offices)

60523
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(630) 623-3000**

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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(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))

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Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

As reported in Item 5.02 of this Form 8-K, Charlie Bell stepped down as President and Chief Executive Officer of McDonald's Corporation. In that connection, the Company has agreed to make the corporate jet available at no expense to Mr. Bell and his family for one trip.

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

Charlie Bell stepped down as President and Chief Executive Officer of McDonald's Corporation on November 22, 2004 to focus on his battle with cancer. Mr. Bell remains as a Director. Effective on that date, the Board of Directors named James Skinner, currently Vice Chairman of the Company, as the Company's Chief Executive Officer and a member of the Board of Directors. Additionally, the Board of Directors appointed Michael Roberts, previously Chief Executive Officer of McDonald's USA, as President and Chief Operating Officer of the Company and a member of the Board of Directors. The Company's press release announcing these changes is filed as Exhibit 99 and incorporated by reference herein.

Mr. Skinner has been with the Company for 33 years, beginning as a restaurant manager trainee. During his tenure, he has held numerous leadership positions within the Company. From 1997 to 2001, Mr. Skinner was President of McDonald's Europe. He then became President and Chief Operating Officer of McDonald's Europe/Asia/Pacific and Middle East. Prior to becoming Vice Chairman, Mr. Skinner served as President and Chief Operating Officer of the McDonald's Restaurant Group, with operating responsibility for McDonald's restaurants worldwide.

Prior to becoming President and Chief Operating Officer, Mr. Roberts was Chief Executive Officer of McDonald's USA. Mr. Roberts previously served as President of McDonald's USA, and before that, President, West Division for McDonald's USA. Mr. Roberts began his McDonald's career as a regional purchasing manager in 1977.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

McDonald's News Advisory issued November 22, 2004: Charlie Bell Steps Down; Board Elects Jim Skinner CEO and Mike Roberts President & COO

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SIGNATURE

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.

McDONALD'S CORPORATION
(Registrant)

Date: November 24, 2004

By: /s/ Gloria Santona
Gloria Santona
Corporate Executive Vice
President -
General Counsel and Secretary

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Exhibit No. 99 McDonald's News Advisory issued November 22, 2004:
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Roberts President & COO

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