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): April 15, 2005

RAYTHEON COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State of Incorporation)

1-13699 (Commission File Number) 95-1778500 (IRS Employer

Identification Number)

870 Winter Street

Waltham, Massachusetts (Address of principal executive offices)

02451 (Zip Code)

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Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (781) 522-3000

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Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

On April 15, 2005, Raytheon Company (Raytheon or the Company) issued a press release announcing an agreement in principle to settle Muzinich & Co., Inc. et al v. Raytheon Company, et al., a securities class action pending in the United States District Court for the District of Idaho. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

The following Exhibit is furnished as part of Item 7.01 of this report:

99.1 Press release dated April 15, 2005 issued by Raytheon Company.

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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.

Dated: April 15, 2005

RAYTHEON COMPANY

By: /s/ Jay B. Stephens

Jay B. Stephens Senior Vice President and General Counsel