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FRANKLIN RESOURCES INC

Form 8-K November 18, 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 17, 2004

FRANKLIN RESOURCES, INC. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 1-9318 13-2670991 (State or other jurisdiction (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer of incorporation) Identification No.)

One Franklin Parkway, San Mateo, California 94403 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (650) 312-3000

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report): Not Applicable

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 (See General Instruction A.2. below):

- [] Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- [] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (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))

ITEM 8.01 OTHER EVENTS.

On November 17, 2004, Franklin Resources, Inc. ("FRI") issued a press release, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference herein, announcing that an agreement had been reached by its subsidiary,

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Franklin/Templeton Distributors, Inc. with the Attorney General's Office for the State of California ("CAGO") that resolves the issues resulting from the CAGO's investigation concerning marketing support payments to securities dealers who sell fund shares.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibits:

EXHIBIT NO. DESCRIPTION

99.1 Press Release issued on November 17, 2004 by

Franklin Resources, Inc.

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.

FRANKLIN RESOURCES, INC.

(Registrant)

Date: November 18, 2004 /s/ Barbara J. Green

Barbara J. Green

Vice President, Deputy General Counsel and

Secretary

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