

SERVICEMASTER CO
Form 8-K
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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 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 3, 2005

THE SERVICEMASTER COMPANY

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware

1-14762

36-3858106

(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer

Identification Number)

3250 Lacey Road, Suite 600, Downers Grove, Illinois

60515

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant telephone number, including area code: (630) 663-2000

Not Applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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Item 8.01. Other Events.

On the CNBC segment "Closing Bell" on November 3, 2005, Jonathan Ward of The ServiceMaster Company (the Company) was asked whether two of the businesses of the Company, American Residential Services and American Mechanical Services, are "on the block"? Mr. Ward responded by stating, "[N]one of our companies at this point are quote, unquote on the block. Mr. Ward's response was incomplete. Mr. Ward should have added, "While no decision has been made, as part of its regular portfolio review process the Company has been and continues to explore strategic alternatives with respect to American Residential Services and American Mechanical Services, which among other alternatives could include a sale of all or a portion of those businesses.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: November 4, 2005

THE SERVICEMASTER COMPANY
By: /s/ Jim L. Kaput
Jim L. Kaput
Senior Vice President and General Counsel