

MATERIAL SCIENCES CORP  
Form 8-K  
December 23, 2004

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): December 23, 2004**

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**Material Sciences Corporation**

**(EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER)**

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**Delaware**  
**(State or other jurisdiction**  
  
**of incorporation)**

**01-8803**  
**(Commission File Number)**

**95-2673173**  
**(IRS Employer**

**Identification No.)**

**2200 East Pratt Boulevard**  
**Elk Grove Village, Illinois 60007**

**(Address of Principal Executive Offices, including Zip Code)**

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(847) 439-8270

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Not Applicable

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

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act

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**Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.**

The following information shall not be deemed filed hereunder for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act ), or incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

Material Sciences Corporation announced today that it will recognize a charge in the fourth quarter ending February 28, 2005, of approximately \$4.1 million. This charge is associated with the vesting of previously disclosed long-term incentives in the form of phantom stock units for the company's non-executive chairman of the board and certain executive officers and key managers. According to the terms of the long-term incentives, the phantom stock units vest upon the company's stock price closing above \$14.00 and \$15.00 for 30-consecutive trading days. These conditions were met as of December 16 and 17, 2004. The amounts are payable only in cash and will be paid in January 2005.

**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.

**MATERIAL SCIENCES CORPORATION**

/s/ Jeffrey J. Siemers

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By: Jeffrey J. Siemers  
Its: Chief Financial Officer

Date: December 23, 2004