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Form 8-K  
August 24, 2004

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): August 23, 2004

RIVIERA HOLDINGS CORPORATION  
(exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Nevada  
(State or other  
Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation)

000-21430  
(Commission  
File Number)

88-0296885  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

2901 Las Vegas Boulevard  
Las Vegas, Nevada  
(Address of principal executive offices)

89109  
(Zip code)

Registrant's telephone number,  
including area code

(702) 794-9527

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):

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Section 8 - Other Events  
Item 8.01. Other Events

On August 23, 2004, Riviera Holdings Corporation announced through a press release that it does not support the potential acquisition reported by D.E. Shaw Laminar Portfolio's, L.L.C. in an August 20, 2004 amendment to its Schedule 13D. A copy of the press release is filed as an exhibit hereto.

Section 9 - Financial Statements and Exhibits  
Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits. Riviera Holdings Corporation Press Release dated August 23, 2004

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SIGNATURES

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

Date: August 23, 2004

RIVIERA HOLDINGS CORPORATION

By: /s/ Duane Krohn  
Treasurer and CFO

EXHIBIT INDEX

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Exhibit  
Number

Description

99 Riviera Holdings Corporation Press Release dated August 23, 2004.