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Form 8-K
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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) October 19, 2004

Marsh & McLennan Companies, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware

1-5998

36-2668272

(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

1166 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY

10036

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (212) 345-5000

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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.

Marsh & McLennan Companies, Inc. ("MMC") currently maintains four revolving credit facilities aggregating \$2.755 billion, in the following amounts: \$700 million which expires in June 2005, \$355 million which expires in July 2005, \$1 billion which expires in June 2007 and \$700 million which expires in June 2009. These facilities support MMC's commercial paper borrowings. On October 19, 2004, no amounts were outstanding under any of the facilities.

The matters raised by the civil complaint filed by the Attorney General of the State of New York on October 14, 2004 and described in MMC's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on October 15, 2004 may prohibit MMC from borrowing under the facilities, which contain standard representations as to no material adverse litigation and compliance with laws.

The required lenders under each of the facilities have agreed to waive the effect of such matters until December 30, 2004. In exchange, MMC has agreed that the facilities will be used exclusively to support commercial paper borrowings, and that in order for MMC to borrow under the facilities, the aggregate face amount of outstanding commercial paper cannot exceed \$1.9 billion. On October 19, 2004, the aggregate face amount of outstanding commercial paper totaled approximately \$2.1 billion and MMC had cash and cash equivalents in the parent company of approximately \$375 million. MMC has also agreed not to repurchase its stock and not to permit any of its subsidiaries to incur debt other than under existing facilities.

MMC intends to commence discussions immediately with its lenders to amend or replace the facilities to provide longer-term support for its commercial paper borrowings. While MMC knows of no reason why those discussions will not achieve that goal before December 30, 2004, there is no assurance that they will be completed by such date.

INFORMATION CONCERNING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Marsh & McLennan Companies, Inc. and its subsidiaries ("MMC") and their representatives may from time to time make verbal or written statements (including certain statements contained in this report and other MMC filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission and in our reports to stockholders) relating to future results, which are forward-looking statements as that term is defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such statements may include, without limitation, discussions concerning revenues, expenses, earnings, cash flow, capital structure, existing credit facilities, pension funding, the adverse consequences arising from market-timing issues at Putnam, including fines and restitution, the matters raised in the complaint filed by the New York State Attorney General's Office stating a claim for, among other things, fraud and violations of New York State antitrust and securities

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laws, as well as market and industry conditions, premium rates, financial markets, interest rates, foreign exchange rates, contingencies, and matters relating to MMC's operations and income taxes. Such forward-looking statements are based on available current market and industry materials, experts' reports and opinions, and long-term trends, as well as management's expectations concerning future events impacting MMC. Forward-looking statements by their very nature involve risks and uncertainties. Factors that may cause actual results to differ materially from those contemplated by any forward-looking statements contained herein include, in the case of MMC's risk and insurance services business, changes in competitive conditions, the impact of litigation concerning the claims brought by the New York State Attorney General's Office, movements in premium rate levels, the continuation of difficult conditions for the transfer of commercial risk and other changes in the global property and casualty insurance markets, natural catastrophes, mergers between client organizations, and insurance or reinsurance company insolvencies. Factors to be considered in the case of MMC's investment management business include changes in worldwide and national equity and fixed income markets, actual and relative investment performance, the level of sales and redemptions, and the ability to maintain investment management and administrative fees at historic levels; and with respect to all of MMC's activities, the ability to amend or replace MMC's existing credit facilities to provide long term support for commercial paper borrowings following the claims brought by the New York State Attorney General, the ability to successfully integrate acquired businesses, changes in general worldwide and national economic conditions, the impact of terrorist attacks, changes in the value of investments made in individual companies and investment funds, fluctuations in foreign currencies, actions of competitors or regulators, changes in interest rates or in the ability to access financial markets, developments relating to claims, lawsuits and contingencies, prospective and retrospective changes in the tax or accounting treatment of MMC's operations, and the impact of tax and other legislation and regulation in the jurisdictions in which MMC operates. In addition, there are risks and uncertainties relating to MMC's ability to integrate Kroll's business successfully and realize expected synergies, the continued strength of Kroll's relationships with its employees, suppliers, and customers, and the accuracy of the basis for forecasts related to Kroll's business.

Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date on which they are made, and MMC undertakes no obligation to update any forward-looking statement to reflect events or circumstances after the date on which it is made or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

MMC is committed to providing timely and materially accurate information to the investing public, consistent with our legal and regulatory obligations. To that end, MMC and its operating companies use their websites to convey meaningful information about their businesses, including the anticipated release of quarterly financial results and the posting of updates of assets under management at Putnam. Monthly updates of total assets under management at Putnam will be posted to the MMC website the first business day following the end of each month. Putnam posts mutual fund and performance data to its website regularly. Assets for most Putnam retail mutual funds are posted approximately two weeks after each month-end. Mutual fund net asset value

(NAV) is posted daily. Historical performance and Lipper rankings are also provided. Investors can link to MMC and its operating company websites through www.mmc.com.

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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.

MARSH & MCLENNAN COMPANIES, INC.

By: /s/ Bart Schwartz

Name: Bart Schwartz
Title: Deputy General Counsel
& Corporate Secretary

Date: October 19, 2004