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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

October 21, 2004

(Date of earliest event reported)

NUANCE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 000-30203 (Commission File Number) 94-3208477 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

1005 Hamilton Court, Menlo Park, California

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

94025

(650) 847-0000

(Zip Code)

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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ITEM 2.02: RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

On October 21, 2004, Nuance issued a press release announcing its financial results for the quarter ended September 30, 2004. A copy of the release is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

Nuance s attached press release and Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations present non-GAAP (Generally Accepted Accounting Principles) net loss, excluding special items, and net loss per share (basic and diluted), excluding special items, in addition to the presentation of such results in accordance with GAAP. The special items include non-cash compensation expense and restructuring expense. These special

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items are not necessarily representative of Nuance s core operations, but Nuance management believes that presentation of these non-GAAP financial measures provides useful information to investors regarding the impact of the special items on Nuance s net loss and net loss per share. Nuance management also uses non-GAAP measurements in certain internal management analyses, as the resulting metrics provide useful information regarding the company s core operations.

ITEM 9.01: FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(c) Exhibits:

99.1 Press release issued by the Registrant, dated as of October 21, 2004
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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, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: October 21, 2004 Nuance Communications, Inc. (Registrant)

/s/ Karen Blasing

Karen Blasing
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)
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