October 22, 2004

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 20, 2004

COCA-COLA BOTTLING CO. CONSOLIDATED

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction

0-9286 (Commission 56-0950585 (IRS Employer

of Incorporation)

File Number)

Identification No.)

4100 Coca-Cola Plaza, Charlotte, North Carolina (Address of principal executive offices) 28211 (Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code

(704) 557-4400

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

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:

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



On October 20, 2004, Coca-Cola Bottling Co. Consolidated (the Company) issued a press release announcing its financial results for the third quarter of 2004. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 hereto.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

- (c) Exhibits.
- 99.1 Press release issued on October 20, 2004, reporting the Company s financial results for the third quarter of 2004.

	Signatures	
Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange undersigned hereunto duly authorized.	e Act of 1934, the registrant	t has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the
	<u>CC</u>	OCA-COLA BOTTLING CO. CONSOLIDATED (REGISTRANT)
Date: October 22, 2004	BY:	/s/ David V. Singer
		David V. Singer Principal Financial Officer of the Registrant
		and

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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