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VIVENDI UNIVERSAL  
Form POS AM  
June 30, 2005

As filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 30, 2005

Registration No. 333-81830

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to  
FORM S-8  
REGISTRATION STATEMENT  
UNDER  
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

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VIVENDI UNIVERSAL, S.A.  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

France None  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)  
Incorporation or Organization)

42, avenue de Friedland  
75380 Paris Cedex 08, France  
33 (1) 71 71 10 00  
(Address, Including Zip Code, and Telephone Number,  
including Area Code, of Registrant's Principal Executive Offices)

Vivendi Universal Games, Inc. 401(k) Plan

Vivendi Universal Games, Inc. Executive Deferred Compensation Plan  
(Full Title of Plans)

Vivendi Universal U.S. Holding Co.  
800 Third Avenue  
7th Floor  
New York, NY 10022  
(212) 572-7000  
Attention: President  
(Name and Address, Including Zip Code,  
and Telephone Number, Including Area Code, of Agent For Service)

Copies to:  
Akiko Mikumo, Esq.  
Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP  
767 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10153  
(212) 310-8000

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DEREGISTRATION OF SECURITIES

On January 31, 2002, Vivendi Universal, S.A. (the "Company") filed a registration statement on Form S-8 (No. 333-81830). The registration statement registered a total of 2,500,000 Ordinary Shares of the Company, with a nominal

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value of (euro)5.50 per share (the "Ordinary Shares"), issuable to the participants in the Houghton Mifflin Company 401(k) Savings Plan, the Vivendi Universal Games, Inc. 401(k) Plan, the MP3.com 401(k) Plan, the Vivendi Universal Games, Inc. Executive Deferred Compensation Plan, and \$200,000 of Deferred Compensation Obligations.

The offerings with respect to the Vivendi Universal Games, Inc. 401(k) Plan and the Vivendi Universal Games, Inc. Executive Deferred Compensation Plan terminated on December 7, 2004. Pursuant to the undertaking contained in the registration statement, the Company files this post-effective amendment to the registration statement to deregister the Ordinary Shares and Deferred Compensation Obligations that remain unsold in respect of the Vivendi Universal Games, Inc. 401(k) Plan and the Vivendi Universal Games, Inc. Executive Deferred Compensation Plan as of the date hereof.

### SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized in the City of New York, State of New York, on this 30th day of June, 2005.

VIVENDI UNIVERSAL, S.A.

By: /s/ George E. Bushnell, III

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Name: George E. Bushnell, III  
Title: Senior Vice President

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the trustees (or other persons who administer the employee benefit plan) have duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in New York, New York, on this 30th day of June, 2005.

VIVENDI UNIVERSAL GAMES, INC. 401(k) PLAN

By: /s/ John Ma

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Name: John Ma  
Title: Vice President, Compensation and  
Benefits

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the trustees (or other persons who administer the employee benefit plan) have duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in New York, New York, on this 30th day of June, 2005.

VIVENDI UNIVERSAL GAMES, INC. EXECUTIVE  
DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN

By: /s/ John Ma

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 Name: John Ma  
 Title: Vice President, Compensation  
 and Benefits

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the date indicated.

| Signature<br>-----  | Title<br>-----  |
|---|---|
| <p>/s/ Jean-Bernard Levy<br/>-----<br/>                     Jean-Bernard Levy</p>   | <p>Chief Executive Officer<br/>and Chairman of the Management<br/>Board (Principal Executive Officer)</p> |
| <p>/s/ Jacques Espinasse<br/>-----<br/>                     Jacques Espinasse</p>   | <p>Chief Financial Officer<br/>(Principal Financial Officer<br/>and Principal Accounting Officer)</p>     |
| <p>/s/ Jean-Rene Fourtou<br/>-----<br/>                     Jean-Rene Fourtou</p>   | <p>Chairman of the Supervisory Board</p>  |
| <p>/s/ Claude Bebear<br/>-----<br/>                     Claude Bebear</p>   | <p>Member of the Supervisory Board</p>  |
| <p>/s/ Gerard Bremond<br/>-----<br/>                     Gerard Bremond</p>   | <p>Member of the Supervisory Board</p>  |
| <p>/s/ Fernando Falco y Fernandez de Cordova<br/>-----<br/>                     Fernando Falco y Fernandez de Cordova</p> | <p>Member of the Supervisory Board</p>  |
| <p>/s/ Gabriel Hawawini<br/>-----<br/>                     Gabriel Hawawini</p>   | <p>Member of the Supervisory Board</p>  |
| <p>/s/ Henri Lachmann<br/>-----<br/>                     Henri Lachmann</p>   | <p>Member of the Supervisory Board</p>  |
| <p>/s/ Pierre Rodocanachi</p>   | <p>Member of the Supervisory Board</p>  |

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Pierre Rodocanachi

/s/ Sarah Frank

Member of the Supervisory Board

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Sarah Frank

/s/ Patrick Kron

Member of the Supervisory Board

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Patrick Kron

/s/ Andrzej Olechowski

Member of the Supervisory Board

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Andrzej Olechowski

/s/ George E. Bushnell, III

Authorized Representative in  
the United States

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George E. Bushnell, III