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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 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): January 22, 2001

PepsiAmericas, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware 001-15019 13-6167838

(State or Other Jurisdiction (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer of Incorporation) Identification No.)

3501 Algonquin Road, Rolling Meadows, Illinois 60008
----(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (847) 818-5000

Whitman Corporation

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

2 ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS.

On January 22, 2001, the Registrant filed a Certificate of Ownership and Merger with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware to effect a change in its name from "Whitman Corporation" to "PepsiAmericas, Inc." The Registrant also announced that on January 24, 2001, shares of its common stock would begin trading on The New York Stock Exchange under the name PepsiAmericas and symbol "PAS."

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## SIGNATURE

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

PepsiAmericas, Inc.

Date: January 24, 2001 By: Steven R. Andrews

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Steven R. Andrews Senior Vice President

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