

DUANE READE INC  
Form 8-K  
June 21, 2004

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT  
TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

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Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported): June 18, 2004

**DUANE READE INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

**Delaware**

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

**001-13843**

(Commission File Number)

**04-3164702**

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**440 Ninth Avenue  
New York, New York**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**10001**  
(Zip Code)

**(212) 273-5700**

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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

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**Item 5. Other Events**

On June 18, 2004, Duane Reade Inc. (the "Company"), Duane Reade Shareholders, LLC ("DRS, LLC") and Duane Reade Acquisition Corp. ("Acquisition") agreed to amend The Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated December 22, 2003 (the "Merger Agreement"), by and among the Company, DRS, LLC and Acquisition. A copy of Amendment No. 3 to the Merger Agreement is attached as Exhibit 2.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated by reference into this Item. In addition, a copy of a press release issued by Duane Reade on June 21, 2004 is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated by reference into this Item.

**Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits**

- a) Financial Statements. Not Applicable
- b) Pro Forma Financial Information. Not Applicable
- c) Exhibits

The following materials are attached as exhibits to this Current Report on Form 8-K

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
2.1	Amendment No. 3 to the Merger Agreement, dated June 18, 2004
99.1	Press Release, dated June 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 hereunto duly authorized.

Date: June 21, 2004

DUANE READE INC.

By: /s/ JOHN K. HENRY

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John K. Henry  
Senior Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

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