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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

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): October 7, 2004

Eastman Kodak Company
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| New Jersey | 1-87 | 16-0417150 |
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| (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) | (Commission File Number) | (IRS Employer Identification No.) |

343 State Street,
Rochester, New York 14650
(Address of Principal Executive Office) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (585) 724-4000

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

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ITEM 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

On October 7, 2004, Eastman Kodak Company (Kodak) and Sun

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Microsystems Inc. (Sun) reached a tentative agreement to settle a lawsuit filed by Kodak for infringement of its Khoyi patents regarding a software architecture on which Sun's Java product is based. See press release dated October 7, 2004, which is filed along with this document as Exhibit (99.1).

On October 12, 2004 a final settlement agreement was signed, which is filed along with this document as Exhibit (10) Z. Pursuant to the terms of the settlement agreement, Sun paid Kodak \$92 million in cash on October 12, 2004.

Kodak provided to Sun a non-exclusive license relating to Kodak's Khoyi patents. In addition, Kodak licensed to Sun certain Kodak patents for existing and future versions of Sun's Java technology. The licensed Kodak patents are limited to those Kodak patents now infringed by the current version of Sun's Java technology.

Kodak also released Sun from any past infringement of Kodak's Khoyi patents and from any past infringement of Kodak patents by the Java technology.

The license and the release relative to Java technology extend to Sun's licensees, customers, developers, suppliers, manufacturers and distributors.

Sun released Kodak from all counterclaims that it had asserted in the litigation.

The case was dismissed with prejudice.

ITEM 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

(10) Z. Eastman Kodak Company Settlement Agreement with Sun Microsystems Inc.

(99.1) Eastman Kodak Company press release dated October 7, 2004 regarding the tentative agreement reached between Eastman Kodak Company and Sun Microsystems Inc.

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SIGNATURE

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.

EASTMAN KODAK COMPANY

By: /s/ Richard G. Brown, Jr.

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Richard G. Brown, Jr.
Controller

Date: October 14, 2004

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