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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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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): **December 8, 2004**

DUANE READE INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

001-13843

(Commission File Number)

DELAWARE
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

04-3164702
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

**440 Ninth Avenue
New York, NY 10001**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(212) 273-5700**

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Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

The following information regarding Duane Reade Inc. ("we," "us" or the "Company") was provided on December 8, 2004 to potential lenders in connection with a proposed secured debt financing of up to \$160.0 million to refinance its \$155.0 million existing senior secured term loan facility.

1.

Pro forma financial information

The unaudited pro forma financial data reflects adjustments to our consolidated historical financial data to give pro forma effect to the following transactions and other items (excluding non-recurring items), including:

the completion of the acquisition of the Company by an investor group led by Oak Hill Capital Partners, L.P. ("Oak Hill") through the merger of Duane Reade Acquisition Corp. into the Company ("the Acquisition");

the \$239.5 million cash equity contribution by the investor group led by Oak Hill Capital Partners, L.P.;

the forfeiture by certain members of senior management of approximately \$4.2 million of payments under existing contracts and our issuance of phantom stock to them;

an additional \$72.0 million of borrowings under our amended asset-based revolving loan facility;

the borrowing of \$155.0 million under our existing senior term loan facility;

the issuance of \$195.0 million of senior subordinated notes;

the repurchase of our outstanding 2.1478% senior convertible notes due 2022 for an aggregate purchase price of \$203.2 million (representing 100% of the principal amount of those notes, plus \$2.2 million of accrued but unpaid interest on those notes through July 30, 2004);

the elimination of certain expenses associated with being an NYSE-listed company;

the payment of an annual \$1.25 million management fee, paid quarterly, to an affiliate of Oak Hill Capital Partners, L.P.;

the transactions in connection with this offering, including (1) the incurrence of \$160.0 million of new indebtedness, (2) an additional \$2.9 million of borrowings under our amended asset-based revolving loan facility; (3) the repayment of \$155.0 million in outstanding principal, plus \$3.6 million of premium and accrued but unpaid interest through September 25, 2004, under our existing senior term loan facility; and (4) the payment of \$4.3 million of associated fees and expenses; and

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the initial allocation of the purchase price to the net assets acquired, summarized as follows:

| (dollars in thousands) | |
|--|------------|
| Cash | \$ 34,300 |
| Inventory | 256,200 |
| Other current assets | 74,100 |
| Property, plant & equipment | 194,000 |
| Identified intangibles | 175,700 |
| Other assets | 43,700 |
| Goodwill | 188,900 |
| Deferred tax assets | 9,900 |
| Current liabilities | (105,500) |
| Non-current liabilities | (82,100) |
| Senior convertible debt | |
| Capital leases | (3,100) |
| Deferred tax liabilities | (38,600) |
| <hr style="border: 1px solid black;"/> | |
| Total purchase price | \$ 747,500 |
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SEC rules would otherwise require that the pro forma consolidated financial information not give effect to the transactions described in the tenth bullet above, if any and the use of the proceeds from those transactions. However, in the pro forma financial statements included in this report, we are giving pro forma effect to such transactions as if they occurred in connection with the Acquisition. The pro forma financial information contained in this report has been prepared for our direct parent, Duane Reade Holdings, Inc. and all of its direct and indirect subsidiaries on a consolidated basis.

The unaudited pro forma balance sheet as of September 25, 2004 consists of the historical balance sheet as of September 25, 2004, adjusted to give pro forma effect to the transactions listed in the tenth bullet above, as if such transactions had occurred on September 25, 2004. The unaudited pro forma statements of operations for the fiscal year ended December 27, 2003 and the twelve months and the 39 weeks ended September 25, 2004 give pro forma effect to each of the above items as if it had occurred as of the first day of the fiscal year ended December 27, 2003.

The pro forma adjustments are based on preliminary estimates, available information and certain assumptions that we believe are reasonable and may be revised as additional information becomes available, some of which will be based on third-party appraisals currently being conducted. We fully expect to complete these valuations and the final allocation of the purchase price within the allowable one-year time frame from the completion of the Acquisition. The pro forma adjustments and certain assumptions are described in the accompanying notes.

The unaudited pro forma financial information set forth below should be read in conjunction with our historical financial information and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" which are included in documents we have filed with the SEC.

Duane Reade Holdings, Inc.
Unaudited Pro Forma Consolidated Balance Sheet
September 25, 2004
(dollars in thousands)

| | <u>Successor</u> | <u>Pro Forma Adjustments</u> | <u>Pro Forma</u> |
|---|------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|
| Assets | | | |
| Current assets | | | |
| Cash | \$ 1,377 | \$ | \$ 1,377 |
| Receivables | 56,686 | | 56,686 |
| Inventories | 264,064 | | 264,064 |
| Deferred income taxes | 20,590 | | 20,590 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 19,224 | | 19,224 |
| | <u>361,941</u> | | <u>361,941</u> |
| Total current assets | 361,941 | | 361,941 |
| Property and equipment, net | 194,809 | | 194,809 |
| Goodwill | 188,892 | | 188,892 |
| Other assets | 217,508 | 4,300 (1) (4,595)(2) | 217,213 |
| | <u>963,150</u> | <u>(295)</u> | <u>962,855</u> |
| Total assets | 963,150 | (295) | 962,855 |
| Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity | | | |
| Current liabilities | | | |
| Accounts payable | 80,323 | | 80,323 |
| Accrued interest | 3,839 | | 3,839 |
| Other accrued expenses | 63,747 | (547)(3) | 63,200 |
| Current portion of capital leases | 762 | | 762 |
| | <u>148,671</u> | <u>(547)</u> | <u>148,124</u> |
| Total current liabilities | 148,671 | (547) | 148,124 |
| Long-term debt | 502,971 | 5,000 (4) 2,947 (5) | 510,918 |
| Capital lease obligations | 2,209 | | 2,209 |
| Deferred income taxes | 17,196 | | 17,196 |
| Other non-current liabilities | 90,149 | | 90,149 |
| | <u>761,196</u> | <u>7,400</u> | <u>768,596</u> |
| Total liabilities | 761,196 | 7,400 | 768,596 |
| Stockholders' equity | 201,954 | (7,695)(6) | 194,259 |
| | <u>963,150</u> | <u>(295)</u> | <u>962,855</u> |
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity | 963,150 | (295) | 962,855 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the
unaudited pro forma consolidated financial statements.

**Notes to the Unaudited Pro Forma Consolidated Balance Sheet
(dollars in thousands)**

- (1) To record the financing fees associated with the incurrence of new indebtedness.
- (2) To write-off the financing fees associated with the existing senior term loan facility.
- (3) To reflect the payment of accrued interest on the existing senior term loan facility.
- (4) To adjust debt for the repayment of the existing senior term loan facility and the incurrence of new indebtedness.
- (5) To record the additional borrowings under our amended asset-based revolving loan facility.
- (6) To adjust stockholders' equity for the write-off of deferred financing fees and the payment of the premium on the existing senior term loan facility.

Duane Reade Holdings, Inc.
Unaudited Pro Forma Consolidated Statement of Operations
For the thirty-nine weeks ended September 25, 2004
(dollars in thousands)

| | Duane Reade Inc. (Successor) | Duane Reade Inc. (Predecessor) | Pro Forma Adjustments | Pro Forma |
|--|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| Net sales | \$ 217,556 | \$ 846,842 | \$ | \$ 1,064,398 |
| Cost of sales | 172,765 | 663,223 | | 835,988 |
| Gross profit | 44,791 | 183,619 | | 228,410 |
| Selling, general & administrative expenses | 37,355 | 142,293 | (927) (1) | 178,721 |
| Labor contingency expense | 689 | 2,611 | | 3,300 |
| CEO SERP Termination | 24,500 | | (24,500) (2) | |
| Transaction expenses | 37,118 | 3,005 | (40,123) (8) | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 7,280 | 21,902 | 7,049 (4) | 36,231 |
| Store pre-opening expenses | 366 | 470 | | 836 |
| Other | 791 | | 2,637 (3) | 3,428 |
| Operating income (loss) | (63,308) | 13,338 | 55,864 | 5,894 |
| Interest expense, net | 6,283 | | 11,974 (5) | 27,029 |
| | | 7,977 | 795 (6) | |
| Income (loss) before income taxes | (69,591) | 5,361 | 43,095 | (21,135) |
| Income tax expense (benefit) | (32,048) | 1,555 | 19,565 (9) | (10,928) |
| Net income (loss) | \$ (37,543) | \$ 3,806 | \$ 23,530 | \$ (10,207) |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the
unaudited pro forma consolidated statements of operations.

Duane Reade Holdings, Inc.
Unaudited Pro Forma Consolidated Statement of Operations
For the year ended December 27, 2003
(dollars in thousands)

| | Duane Reade Inc. (Predecessor) | Pro Forma Adjustments | Pro Forma |
|--|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| Net sales | \$ 1,383,828 | | \$ 1,383,828 |
| Cost of sales | 1,087,092 | | 1,087,092 |
| Gross profit | 296,736 | | 296,736 |
| Selling, general & administrative expenses | 227,910 | (1,344)(1) | 226,566 |
| Labor contingency expense | 12,600 | | 12,600 |
| Transaction expenses | 644 | (644)(8) | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 32,335 | 10,516 (4) | 42,851 |
| Store pre-opening expenses | 1,063 | | 1,063 |
| Other | | 4,571 (3) | 4,571 |
| Operating income (loss) | 22,184 | (13,099) | 9,085 |
| Interest expense, net | 14,117 | 20,835 (5) 1,565 (6) | 36,517 |
| Debt extinguishment | 812 | (812)(7) | |
| Income (loss) before income taxes | 7,255 | (34,687) | (27,432) |
| Income tax expense (benefit) | 2,181 | (15,748) | (13,567) |
| Net income (loss) | \$ 5,074 | \$ (18,939) | \$ (13,865) |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the
unaudited pro forma consolidated statement of operations.

Duane Reade Holdings, Inc.
Unaudited Pro Forma Consolidated Statement of Operations
For the fifty-two weeks ended September 25, 2004
(dollars in thousands)

| | Duane Reade Inc. (Successor) | Duane Reade Inc. (Predecessor) | Pro Forma Adjustments | Pro Forma |
|--|---|---|----------------------------------|------------------|
| Net sales | \$ 217,556 | \$ 1,203,272 | \$ | \$ 1,420,828 |
| Cost of sales | 172,765 | 942,192 | | 1,114,957 |
| Gross profit | 44,791 | 261,080 | | 305,871 |
| Selling, general & administrative expenses | 37,355 | 203,071 | (1,318)(1) | 239,108 |
| Labor contingency expense | 689 | 15,211 | | 15,900 |
| CEO SERP Termination | 24,500 | | (24,500) (2) | |
| Transaction expenses | 37,118 | 3,649 | (40,767) (8) | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 7,280 | 30,364 | 9,980 (4) | 47,624 |
| Store pre-opening expenses | 366 | 734 | | 1,100 |
| Other | 791 | | 3,780 (3) | 4,571 |
| Operating income (loss) | (63,308) | 8,051 | 52,825 | (2,432) |
| Interest expense, net | 6,283 | 11,643 | 17,212 (5) 1,192 (6) | 36,330 |
| Income (loss) before income taxes | (69,591) | (3,592) | 34,421 | (38,762) |
| Income tax expense (benefit) | (32,048) | (3,396) | 15,627 (9) | (19,817) |
| Net income (loss) | \$ (37,543) | \$ (196) | \$ 18,794 | \$ (18,945) |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the
unaudited pro forma consolidated statement of operations.

Notes to the Unaudited Pro Forma Consolidated Statements of Operations
(dollars in thousands)

- (1) Records the elimination of expenses associated with having listed equity securities.
- (2) Represents the reversal of the non-recurring expense associated with our election to terminate our CEO's Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan obligations in accordance with his amended employment agreement.
- (3) Records an annual management fee of \$1.25 million payable to Oak Hill and employee benefit costs due to our CEO as a result of his new employment contract.
- (4) Records pro forma amortization expense relating to identifiable intangible assets as shown below with a weighted average amortizable life of 8.8 years.

| Description | Amount | Amortizable Life (years) |
|-------------------------|------------|-----------------------------|
| Lease acquisition costs | \$ 108,780 | 10.0 |
| Pharmacy customer files | 75,486 | 7.0 |
| | \$ 184,266 | 8.8 |

- (5) Records pro forma interest expense associated with the incurrence of the senior subordinated notes, the additional borrowings under the amended asset-based revolving loan facility in connection with the Acquisition, the repurchase of the convertible notes and the transactions in connection with this offering, including (1) the incurrence of \$160.0 million of new indebtedness, (2) an additional \$2.9 million of borrowings under our amended asset-based revolving loan facility; and (3) the repayment of \$155.0 million in outstanding principal, plus \$3.6 million of premium and accrued but unpaid interest through September 25, 2004, under our existing senior term loan facility. As detailed in the table below, a change in the overall interest rate of one-eighth of one percent would affect annual interest expense by approximately \$0.6 million.

| Debt component | Pro forma adjustment | | | Pro forma principal at September 25, 2004 | Impact of 0.125% change in interest rate |
|----------------------------------|---|---|---|---|--|
| | 12 months ended December 27, 2003 | 52 weeks ended September 25, 2004 | 39 weeks ended September 25, 2004 | | |
| Asset-based revolving loan | \$ 2,113 | \$ 1,208 | \$ 1,008 | \$ 155,886 | \$ 195 |
| New Indebtedness | 7,182 | 7,230 | 5,148 | 160,000 | 200 |
| 9.75% senior subordinated notes | 18,993 | 15,992 | 11,238 | 195,000 | 244 |
| 2.1478% senior convertible notes | (7,453) | (7,218) | (5,420) | 32 | 0 |

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Pro forma adjustment

| | | | | | | | | |
|----|--------|--------|----|--------|----|---------|----|-----|
| \$ | 20,835 | 17,212 | \$ | 11,794 | \$ | 510,918 | \$ | 639 |
|----|--------|--------|----|--------|----|---------|----|-----|

- (6) Records the pro forma amortization of deferred financing fees, utilizing the interest method calculated over the lives of the underlying debt.
- (7) Records the reversal of debt extinguishment expense for debt retired as part of the Acquisition.

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- (8) Records the reversal of non-recurring transaction-related expenses associated with the Acquisition as shown below (dollars in millions):

| Non-Recurring Transaction- Related Expenses | 12 months ended December 27, 2003 | 52 weeks ended September 25, 2004 | 39 weeks ended September 25, 2004 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Change of control payments to management | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Legal and professional fees | 0.6 | 14.7 | 17.4 |
| Transaction fees payable to Oak Hill upon consummation of the Acquisition | | 18.0 | 8.0 |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| | 0.6 | 40.7 | 40.1 |

- (9) Records the adjustment to the tax provision resulting from the pro forma adjustments. The calculation contemplates a federal statutory tax rate of 35.0%, a combined New York State and New York City statutory tax rate (net of the federal benefit) of 10.6%, and an overall effective tax rate of 45.4%.

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2.

A reconciliation of pro forma net loss to pro forma Adjusted FIFO EBITDA is as follows:

| | Pro Forma Twelve Months Ended September 25, 2004 | |
|---|---|----------|
| Net (loss) | \$ | (18,945) |
| Income tax (benefit) | | (19,817) |
| Interest expense, net | | 36,330 |
| Depreciation and amortization(a) | | 47,624 |
| Labor contingency expense | | 15,900 |
| Deferred non-cash rent expense(b) | | 6,729 |
| Oak Hill management fee(c) | | 1,250 |
| Employee benefit cost due to the CEO(d) | | 3,321 |
| LIFO (Income) Provision | | 630 |
| Adjusted FIFO EBITDA | \$ | 73,022 |

- (a) Excludes amortization expense associated with deferred financing costs, which is included in the line item entitled "Interest expense."
- (b) Under GAAP, in each fiscal period, for each leased store, we record as rent expense the total amounts payable as rent during the term of the store's lease, evenly distributed over the lease term. Non-cash deferred rent expense for a period equals our total rent expense recorded under GAAP less cash rent expense actually payable in the period.
- (c) Represents an annual management fee of \$1.25 million per year payable to Oak Hill.
- (d) Represents a long-term cash award of \$0.9 million per year and the accrued costs related to the expected transfer of a 1998 corporate owned life insurance policy to the CEO in July 2006. See "Management Contracts with Executive Officers Mr. Cuti's Employment Agreement" for more information.

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3.

The following are certain normalization adjustments for the pro forma fifty-two weeks ended September 25, 2004 and for the fiscal year ended (estimated) December 25, 2004:

(\$ in millions)

| Normalization Adjustments | LTM 9/25/04 | FYE 12/25/04 | Comments |
|--|----------------|-----------------|--|
| One-Time Costs | | | |
| Non-recurring professional fees | \$ 5.4 | \$ 4.1 | Non-recurring professional fees paid to outside legal counsel to cover unusual events |
| Severance costs | \$ 0.2 | \$ 0.2 | Severance costs associated with workforce reduction |
| Shelf relabeling program cost | \$ 0.5 | \$ 0.1 | One-time costs associated with implementation of shelf labeling program commencing in Q4' 03. |
| | \$ 6.1 | \$ 4.4 | |
| Implemented Costs Reductions | | | |
| Workforce reduction savings | \$ 1.0 | \$ 0.3 | Payroll costs associated with 66 employees which have been terminated or moved to recently vacated or newly opened store manager positions |
| Shelf relabeling costs savings | \$ 0.5 | | Unrealized cost savings associated with shelf relabeling program to give full year effect |
| | \$ 1.5 | \$ 0.3 | |
| Public company expenses | \$ | (a\$) 0.9 | |
| Total Normalization Adjustments | \$ 7.6 | \$ 5.6 | |

(a)

These costs were eliminated in the pro forma statements of operations for the 52 weeks ended September 25, 2004 and amounted to \$1.3 million.

4.

Collateral Coverage

| (\$ in millions) | September 25, 2004 Balance | |
|---|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Collateral for Amended Asset-Based Revolving Loan Facility | | |
| Accounts Receivable, net | \$ | 56.7 |
| Inventory, net | | 264.1 |
| Prescription File(1) | | 67.0 |
| Total Collateral | \$ | 387.8 |
| Other Collateral | | |
| <i>Tangible</i> | | |
| Property and Equipment, net | \$ | 191.1 |
| <i>Intangible</i> | | |
| Trademark(2) | \$ | 130.0 |
| Market Value of Real Estate Leases(3) | | 100.0 |
| Total | \$ | 421.1 |
| Senior Secured Debt as a % of Total Enterprise Value | | 42.1% |

- (1) Appraised value of prescription files based on the amended asset-based revolving loan agreement.
- (2) Management estimate based on previous 3rd party analysis.
- (3) Based on lease analysis provided by a third party. Value represents present value of below market leases.

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As used in this offering memorandum, Adjusted FIFO EBITDA means earnings before interest, income taxes, depreciation, amortization, expenses related to the Acquisition, labor contingency expense, non-cash charges and credits related to the LIFO inventory valuation method, extraordinary charges and other non-recurring charges. We believe that Adjusted FIFO EBITDA, as presented, represents a useful measure of assessing the performance of our ongoing operating activities, as it reflects our earnings trends without the impact of certain non-cash charges and other non-recurring items. Targets and positive trends in Adjusted FIFO EBITDA are used as performance measures for determining certain compensation of management. Adjusted FIFO EBITDA is also used by some of our creditors in assessing debt covenant compliance.

We understand that, although security analysts frequently use Adjusted FIFO EBITDA in the evaluation of companies, it is not necessarily comparable to other similarly titled captions of other companies due to potential inconsistencies in the method of calculation. Adjusted FIFO EBITDA is not intended as alternative to net income as an indicator of our operating performance, as an alternative to any other measure of performance in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles nor as an alternative to cash flow from operating activities as a measure of liquidity.

SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This report contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act, Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act and the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, that involve a number of risks and uncertainties. These statements relate to future events or our future financial performance with respect to our financial condition, results of operations, business plans and strategies, operating efficiencies or synergies, competitive positions, growth opportunities for existing products such as private label merchandise, plans and objectives of management, capital expenditures, growth and maturation of our stores and other matters. These statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause our or our industry's actual results, levels of activity, performance or achievements to be materially different from those expressed or implied by any forward-looking statements. In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements by terminology such as "may," "will," "could," "would," "should," "expect," "plan," "anticipate," "intend," "believe," "estimate," "predict," "potential," "pro forma," "seek" or "continue" or the negative of those terms or other comparable terminology. These statements are only predictions and such expectations may prove to be incorrect. Some of the things that could cause our actual results to differ substantially from our expectations are:

the outcome of the legal proceedings that have been instituted against us and others following announcement of the Acquisition;

the actual terms of our amended and restated senior term loan facility differing from those described in "Description of Other Indebtedness";

the competitive environment in the drugstore industry in general and in the New York greater metropolitan area;

the ability to open and operate new stores on a profitable basis and the maturation of those stores and the ability to increase sales in existing stores;

the continued efforts of health maintenance organizations, managed care organizations, pharmacy benefit management companies and other third party payers to reduce prescription reimbursement rates and pricing pressure from internet-based and mail-order-based providers;

our significant indebtedness;

the continued efforts of federal, state and municipal government agencies to reduce Medicaid reimbursement rates, modify Medicare benefits and/or reduce prescription drug costs;

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the strength of the economy in general and the economic conditions in the New York greater metropolitan area including, in particular, seasonal and weather-related factors, special events, changes in consumer purchasing power and/or spending patterns;

changes in the cost of goods and services;

trends in the healthcare industry, including continued conversion of various prescription drugs to over-the-counter medications and the increasing market share of internet-based and mail-order-based providers;

employment disputes and labor disturbances including any resulting from the suspension or termination of our collective bargaining agreements;

changes in federal and state laws and regulations, including the potential impact of changes in regulations surrounding the importation of pharmaceuticals from foreign countries and changes in laws governing minimum wage requirements;

liability and other claims asserted against us, including the items discussed under "Business Legal Proceedings";

changes in our operating strategy or development plans;

our ability to attract, hire and retain qualified personnel, including our ability to attract qualified pharmacists;

interest rate fluctuations and changes in capital market conditions or other events affecting our ability to obtain necessary financing on favorable terms to fund the anticipated growth of our business;

the continued impact of, or new occurrences of, terrorist attacks in the New York greater metropolitan area and any actions that may be taken by federal, state or municipal authorities in response to or in anticipation of such occurrences;

changes in timing of our acquisition of stores and prescription files and capital expenditure plans;

our ability to continue to secure suitable new store locations under acceptable lease terms;

our ability to successfully implement and manage new computer systems and technologies;

our ability to limit fraud and shrink;

demographic changes; and

other risks and uncertainties detailed elsewhere in this offering memorandum and from time to time in our filings with the SEC.

We undertake no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, after the date of this report. We do not, nor does any other person, assume responsibility for the accuracy and completeness of those statements.

We caution you that the areas of risk described above may not be exhaustive. We operate in a continually changing business environment, and new risks emerge from time to time. Management cannot predict such new risks, nor can it assess the impact, if any, of such risks on our

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businesses or the extent to which any risk or combination of risks, may cause actual results to differ materially from those projected in any forward-looking statements. In light of these risks, uncertainties and assumptions, you should keep in mind that any forward-looking statement made in this offering memorandum might not occur.

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: December 8, 2004

DUANE READE INC.

By: /s/ JOHN K. HENRY

John K. Henry
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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