

RITCHIE BROS AUCTIONEERS INC

Form 6-K

February 24, 2005

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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

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**Form 6-K**

**REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER  
PURSUANT TO RULE 13A-16 OR 15D-16 UNDER  
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the month of February 2005

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Commission File Number: 001-13425

**Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers Incorporated**

6500 River Road  
Richmond, BC, Canada  
V6X 4G5  
(604) 273 7564  
*(Address of principal executive offices)*

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<b>Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Press release dated February 24, 2005 reporting results as at and the for the year ended December 31, 2004

**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, thereunto duly authorized.

**Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers Incorporated**  
(Registrant)

Date: February 24, 2005

By: */s/ Robert S. Armstrong*  
Robert S. Armstrong,  
Corporate Secretary