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February 17, 2005

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): February 17, 2005

ORTHOFIX INTERNATIONAL N.V.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

NETHERLANDS ANTILLES
(State or other
jurisdiction of incorporation)

0-19961
(Commission File Number)

N/A
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No)

7 Abraham de Veerstraat, Curacao, Netherlands Antilles
(Address of principal executive offices)

N/A
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 011-59-99-465-8525

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On February 17, 2005, Orthofix International N.V. issued a press release announcing, among other things, its preliminary sales results for the fourth quarter and full fiscal year ended December 31, 2004. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press release of Orthofix International N.V. dated February 17, 2005

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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.

ORTHOFIX INTERNATIONAL N.V.

By: /s/ Thomas Hein

Name: Thomas Hein
Title: Chief Financial Officer

Date: February 17, 2005

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