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ENGINEERED SUPPORT SYSTEMS INC
Form 8-K
December 14, 2004

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 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) December 9, 2004

ENGINEERED SUPPORT SYSTEMS, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

MISSOURI	0-13880	43-1313242
(State of Incorporation)	(Commission File No.)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

201 Evans Lane, St. Louis, Missouri	63121
(Address of principal executive officer)	(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number including area code: (314) 553-4000

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:

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On December 9, 2004 Engineered Support Systems, Inc. (the Company) announced that it had entered into a binding, definitive agreement to purchase the membership interests of Spacelink International, LLC (Spacelink), a Dulles, Virginia-based firm involved in the design, integration, operation and maintenance of deployed satellite and

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wireless networks for the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD), the U.S. intelligence community and other forward deployed federal agencies and multinational organizations worldwide. The pending transaction is subject to regulatory and other approvals and the satisfaction of customary closing conditions. The Company expects to complete the transaction within the next sixty days.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) The following exhibit is filed as part of this report:

Exhibit Number	Description
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99	Press Release dated December 9, 2004, issued by Engineered Support Systems, Inc.

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.

ENGINEERED SUPPORT SYSTEMS, INC.

Date: December 9, 2004

BY: /s/ Gary C. Gerhardt

Gary C. Gerhardt
Vice Chairman and Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

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