

PAPA JOHNS INTERNATIONAL INC  
Form 8-K  
March 16, 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):

**March 9, 2005**

**Commission File Number: 0-21660**

**PAPA JOHN S INTERNATIONAL, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**61-1203323**  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification  
Number)

**2002 Papa Johns Boulevard  
Louisville, Kentucky 40299-2334**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**(502) 261-7272**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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**Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement**



**Employment Agreement with William Van Epps**



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On March 9, 2005, Papa John's International, Inc. (the Company), entered into an Employment Agreement (the Agreement) with William Van Epps. Pursuant to the terms of the Agreement, Mr. Van Epps will continue to hold the position of Chief Operations Officer, a position he has held since January 2004, through August 31, 2007. The following summary of the material terms of the Agreement is qualified in its entirety by reference to the text of the Agreement, a copy of which is attached to this Current Report as Exhibit 10.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

The Agreement provides for the employment of Mr. Van Epps for a term beginning March 9, 2005 and ending August 31, 2007, unless the Agreement is terminated earlier in accordance with its terms. The Agreement provides for a base annual salary of \$500,000 for service as Chief Operations Officer. The Agreement also provides for an annual grant of an option to purchase 10,000 shares of the Company's common stock pursuant to the terms of the Company's 1999 Team Member Stock Ownership Plan (the Plan). In addition, pursuant to the Company's new executive officer incentive compensation guidelines, during each year of the Agreement, Mr. Van Epps will (a) be eligible to receive bonus payments in accordance with the then-existing applicable bonus plan as approved by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors for each year of the term; (b) receive an annual performance share grant based on shareholder return versus peer group, of up to 2,000 shares, with awards settled in cash; (c) receive an annual stock option grant of up to two times the number of shares of the Company's common stock purchased by Mr. Van Epps on the open market or owned by Mr. Van Epps and designated under the incentive program (not to exceed options for 12,000 shares per annum).

The Agreement also permits Mr. Van Epps to participate in the Company's deferred compensation plan, 401(k) plan, and medical, dental, life and disability insurance programs, as well as to receive other standard benefits offered by the Company to its employees from time to time.

Mr. Van Epps will receive severance benefits under the Agreement if the Company terminates his employment for any reason other than for cause, as defined in the Agreement. In that instance Mr. Van Epps would be entitled to receive an amount equal to the greater of the base salary that would be paid to him under the terms of the Agreement or \$500,000.

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### Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits





(c) Exhibits.

10.1 Employment Agreement dated as of March 9, 2005, between Papa John's International, Inc. and William Van Epps.

**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.

**PAPA JOHN S INTERNATIONAL, INC.**

(Registrant)

Date: March 16, 2005

/s/ J. David Flanery  
J. David Flanery  
Senior Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer