# **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): February 28, 2005

# ESSEX CORPORATION

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Commission File No. 0-10772

Virginia (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) 54-0846569 (IRS Employer ID No.)

9150 Guilford Road Columbia, Maryland (Address of principal executive office)

21046-2306 (Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (301) 939-7000

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- " 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.

The disclosure under Item 2.01 of this current report is also responsive to this Item 1.01 and is incorporated herein by reference.

#### Item 2.01. Completion of Acquisition or Disposition of Assets

On February 28, 2005 (the Closing Date ), Essex Corporation (Essex ) completed the acquisition of The Windermere Group, LLC, (the Company ) and, thereby the Company s wholly owned, active subsidiaries, Windermere HDS, LLC, and Windermere Information Technology Systems, LLC through the acquisition of all of the issued and outstanding ownership and membership interest from, the Susan Katharine Tate Burrowbridge, LLC, the Elizabeth Tate Winters, LLC, and the Andrew Patrick Tate, LLC, (each a Seller and collectively the Sellers ). This acquisition was done through the Purchase Agreement By and Among Essex Corporation, The Windermere Group, LLC, Windermere HDS, LLC, Windermere Information Technology Systems, LLC and the Sellers of The Windermere Group, LLC (the Purchase Agreement ).

In consideration for 100% of the ownership and membership interests of the Company, Essex initially paid an aggregate amount totaling \$69,441,932, as specified in Section 2.2 of the Purchase Agreement. This amount includes the cancellation of the Promissory Note and Loan Agreement (as amended) dated January 7, 2005.

Pursuant to the Purchase Agreement, Essex has also agreed to pay the Sellers, seventy-five (75) days following the Closing Date, the amount, if any, by which the Closing Net Working Capital exceeds \$790,000. Closing Net Working Capital is defined in Section 2.2(b) of the Purchase Agreement. In addition, Essex has agreed to pay, on May 31, 2006, an Earn Out , as specified in Section 2.2 of the Purchase Agreement.

The foregoing is a summary of the terms of the Purchase Agreement and does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Purchase Agreement, copies of which are attached hereto as Exhibit 2.1.

On March 1, 2005, the Company issued a press release announcing the Acquisition. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated into this current report by reference.

#### Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(a) Financial statements of businesses acquired.

The Company hereby undertakes to file the financial statements required by this Item 9.01(a) not later than 71 days after the date this Form 8-K was due for filing.

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#### (b) Pro forma financial information.

The Company hereby undertakes to file the pro forma financial information required by this Item 9.01(b) not later than 71 days after the date this Form 8-K was due for filing.

(c) Exhibits The following exhibits are furnished as part of this current report:

- Exhibit 2.1 Purchase Agreement By and Among Essex Corporation, The Windermere Group, LLC, Windermere HDS, LLC, Windermere Information Technology Systems, LLC and the Sellers of The Windermere Group, LLC dated February 28, 2005 (excluding Exhibits and Schedules)
- Exhibit 10.1 Promissory Note and Loan Agreement, dated January 6, 2005
- Exhibit 10.2 Amendment to the Note and Loan Agreement, dated January 7, 2005
- Exhibit 99.1 Press Release of the Corporation dated March 1, 2005.

### 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.

ESSEX CORPORATION

DATE: March 3, 2005

/s/ Leonard E. Moodispaw Leonard E. Moodispaw

President and Chief Executive Officer

## EXHIBIT INDEX

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