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> 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): September 16, 2004

THE COCA-COLA COMPANY (Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 001-02217

58-0628465 001-02217 58-0628465 (Commission (IRS Employer File Number) Identification No.)

One Coca-Cola Plaza Atlanta, Georgia (Address of principal executive offices)

30313 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (404) 676-2121

Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On September 16, 2004, The Coca-Cola Company (the "Company") and E. Neville Isdell finalized the terms of employment and compensation arrangements for Mr. Isdell's service as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Company. The material terms of the compensation arrangements provide for an annual base salary of \$1,500,000 and participation in the Company's annual incentive program and long-term equity plan. Additionally, as previously disclosed, on July 22, 2004, the Company granted to Mr. Isdell, a stock option award of 450,000 options and a special one-time restricted stock award of 140,000 shares, in recognition of his new role. A copy of the letter from the Company to Mr. Isdell outlining

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the terms of employment and compensation arrangements is attached as Exhibit 99.1. A copy of Mr. Isdell's stock award agreement under The Coca-Cola Company 1989 Restricted Stock Award PlanAgreement is attached as Exhibit 99.2.

Item 9.01(c). Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 Letter, dated September 16, 2004, from The Coca-Cola Company to E. Neville Isdell.

Exhibit 99.2 Stock Award Agreement for E. Neville Isdell.

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.

THE COCA-COLA COMPANY (REGISTRANT)

Date: September 17, 2004 By: /s/Gary P. Fayard

Gary P. Fayard

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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