

AZTAR CORP  
Form 8-K  
December 10, 2004

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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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

AZTAR CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

1-5440

86-0636534

(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number)

**2390 East Camelback Road, Suite 400,  
Phoenix, Arizona**

(Address of principal executive offices)

**85016**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant

's telephone number, including area code **(602) 381-4100**

**Not Applicable**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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ITEM 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.

- (b) On December 9, 2004, Paul E. Rubeli informed the Board of Directors of Aztar Corporation (the "Company") of his intention to retire from his positions as Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Directors and as a director, effective March 1, 2005.
- (c)
  - (1) On December 9, 2004, the Board of Directors of the Company selected Robert M. Haddock, President and Chief Financial Officer, to succeed Mr. Rubeli as Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board, also effective March 1, 2005.
  - (2) Mr. Haddock, 59, has been a senior executive of the Company since its incorporation in 1989, serving as President and Chief Financial Officer since May 2002 and previously as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. Mr. Haddock has been a director of the Company since 1989.
  - (3) Any changes that may be made in the terms of employment between the Company and Mr.

Haddock have not been determined.

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.

AZTAR CORPORATION

By: N.W. ARMSTRONG, JR.  
Nelson W. Armstrong, Jr.  
Vice President, Administration  
and Secretary

Date: December 10, 2004