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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): February 7, 2005

NVIDIA CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

| Delaware | 0-23985 | 94-3177549 |
|--|---|-----------------------------------|
| (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) | (Commission File Number) | (IRS Employer Identification No.) |
| | 2701 San Tomas Expressway, Santa Clara, CA | 95050 |
| | (Address of principal executive offices) | (Zip Code) |

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (408) 486-2000

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SECTION 1 - Registrant's Business and Operations

Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On February 7, 2005 and February 11, 2005, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors (the "Compensation Committee") of NVIDIA Corporation (the "Company") authorized the cash payment of variable compensation awards in respect of its fiscal year ended January 30, 2005 ("Fiscal Year 2005"). Cash awards for the named executive officers were based on metrics established by the Compensation Committee in February 2004. The amount of variable compensation awards was based one half on individual performance through the achievement of previously established key objectives and the other half was based on corporate performance through the achievement of revenue and gross margin targets. The Compensation Committee did not award variable compensation awards based on corporate performance as the Company did not achieve the previously established revenue and gross margin targets for Fiscal Year 2005. The following table sets forth the cash bonuses to be paid to the named executive officers as a result of their individual performance during Fiscal Year 2005:

| Name | Title | Award |
|-------------------|------------------------------|-----------|
| Jen-Hsun Huang | Chief Executive Officer and | \$480,000 |
| | President | |
| Marvin D. Burkett | Chief Financial Officer | \$180,000 |
| David M. Shannon | Vice President and General | \$120,000 |
| | Counsel | |
| Jeffrey Fisher | Executive Vice President of | \$150,000 |
| | Worldwide Sales | |
| Di Ma | Vice President of Operations | \$125,000 |

The Company will pay the variable performance awards during the first quarter of its fiscal year 2006.

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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.

NVIDIA Corporation

By: /s/ Marvin D. Burkett Marvin D. Burkett Chief Financial Officer

Date: February 11, 2005