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

MAXWELL TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State of Incorporation)

1-15477 (Commission File Number) 95-2390133 (I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)

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9244 Balboa Avenue

San Diego, California (Address of principal executive offices)

92123 (Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (858) 503-3300

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Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

On March 9, 2005, Maxwell Technologies, Inc. (the Company) accepted a purchase order from the United States Advanced Battery Consortium for the development and delivery of fully integrated ultracapacitor-based multi-cell modules for testing against rigorous auto industry standards. Performance by the Company under the purchase order will occur over a period of 24 months.

On March 9, 2005, the Company issued a press release regarding the above-referenced purchase order. A copy of that press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (a) Not applicable.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) Exhibits. The following exhibit is filed herewith:

Exhibit	
Number	Document
99.1	Press release issued by Maxwell Technologies, Inc. on March 9, 2005

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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.

Date: March 9, 2005

MAXWELL TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

By: /s/ Richard D. Balanson

Richard D. Balanson
President and Chief Executive Officer

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