

ARCHER DANIELS MIDLAND CO

Form 8-K

March 07, 2005

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**

March 1, 2005

Date of report
(Date of
earliest event
reported)

**ARCHER-DANIELS-MIDLAND
COMPANY**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified
in its Charter)

Delaware

(State of Incorporation)

1-44

(Commission File Number)

41-0129150

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

4666 Faries Parkway

Decatur, Illinois

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

62526

(Zip Code)

(217) 424-5200

(Registrant's
Telephone Number,
Including Area Code)

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Item 8.01.

Other Events.

Archer-Daniels-Midland Company (the “Company”) reported the sale of its 27.9 million share interest in Tate & Lyle PLC for \$271 million. The sale produced an after tax gain of \$93 million, or \$.14 per share, which will be included in the Company’s results for the fiscal 2005 third quarter ending March 31, 2005. The Company issued a press release relating to this transaction which is furnished as Exhibit 99 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

99 Press Release dated March 7, 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.

ARCHER-DANIELS-MIDLAND COMPANY

Date: March 7, 2005 /s/ David J. Smith
David J. Smith
*Executive Vice President, Secretary and
General Counsel*

EXHIBIT INDEX

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99	Press Release dated March 7, 2005	Filed Electronically
