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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): MARCH 23, 2005

METRETEK TECHNOLOGIES, INC.
(EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER)

DELAWARE (STATE OR OTHER JURISDICTION OF INCORPORATION)	0-19793 (COMMISSION FILE NUMBER)	84-11698358 (I.R.S EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NO.)
303 EAST 17TH AVENUE, SUITE 660, DENVER, COLORADO (ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES)		80203 (ZIP CODE)

REGISTRANT'S TELEPHONE NUMBER, INCLUDING AREA CODE: (303) 785-8080

NOT APPLICABLE
(FORMER NAME OR FORMER ADDRESS, IF CHANGED SINCE LAST REPORT)

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ITEM 1.01 ENTRY INTO A MATERIAL DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT.

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Compensation Committee Actions on Executive Officer Compensation

On March 23, 2005, the Compensation Committee ("Compensation Committee") of the Board of Directors (the "Board") of Metretek Technologies, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), took the following actions with respect to the compensation of the Company's executive officers:

1. Establishment of Fiscal 2005 Base Salaries. The Compensation Committee approved the annual base salaries of the Company's executive officers, effective as of April 1, 2005, as set forth below: There was no increase in the annual base salary of any executive officer, other than John Bernard, from the annual base salary in effect prior to the meeting of the Compensation Committee.

Executive Officer -----	Base Salary -----
W. Phillip Marcum	\$ 325,000
A. Bradley Gabbard	200,000
Gary J. Zuiderveen	110,000
Sidney Hinton	262,500
John Bernard	150,000

There was no increase in the annual base salary of any executive officer, other than John Bernard, from the annual base salary in effect prior to the meeting of the Compensation Committee.

2. Establishment of Fiscal 2005 Performance Criteria and Awards under the Executive Compensation Plan. The Compensation Committee recommended that the Board adopt and approve the Company's 2005 Executive Incentive Compensation Plan (the "Executive Compensation Plan") (described below), and subject to the Board's adoption, established the performance criteria and awards under the Executive Compensation Plan for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2005 ("fiscal 2005"). For fiscal 2005, W. Phillip Marcum, the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, and A. Bradley Gabbard, the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Company, are eligible to receive cash bonuses under the Executive Compensation Plan from a bonus pool that will be based upon the Company achieving certain goals pertaining to net income from continuing operations (before bonus payments) in fiscal 2005.

3. Award of Cash Bonus. The Compensation Committee awarded a cash bonus of \$15,000 to John Bernard, President and Chief Executive Officer of Southern Flow Companies, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company.

Adoption of Executive Incentive Compensation Plan

On March 24, 2005, the Board upon recommendation of the Compensation Committee, approved the Executive Compensation Plan. The Executive Compensation Plan is a cash incentive program designed to motivate participants to achieve the Company's financial and other performance objectives, and to reward them for their achievements when those objectives are met. Under the Executive Incentive Plan, the officers and other key employees of the Company are eligible to receive annual cash bonuses based on the achievement of goals relating to Company performance for any given fiscal year or portion thereof. The Executive Incentive Plan will be administered by the Compensation Committee, which will select the officers or other key employees of the Company that will be eligible for cash bonus awards for any performance period, expected to be the fiscal year of the Company. The Compensation Committee will also establish the performance

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criteria and the amount of award applicable to such performance criteria for each performance period. Upon the termination of the employment of the participant prior to the expiration of any performance period:

(i) if such termination is by the Company for cause, then the participant will not be entitled to any award for such performance period;

(ii) if such termination is by the Company without cause or upon or following a change in control of the Company during any performance period, then the participant will be entitled to receive the full amount of the award for such performance period that the participant would have received if his employment had not been terminated;

(iii) if such termination is due to the participant's death or disability, then the participant will be entitled to receive a pro rata share award for such performance period the participant would have received if his employment had not been terminated, based on the number of months the participant remained employed during such performance period; and

(iv) if such termination is by the participant (other than due to death or disability), then the Compensation Committee shall have the discretion to determine whether to grant all or any portion of the award for such performance period the participant would have received if his employment had not been terminated.

The foregoing summary of the Executive Incentive Plan is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full Executive Incentive Plan, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 10.1 and incorporated herein by this reference.

Change in Compensation of Directors

Also on March 24, 2005, the Board, upon recommendation of the Compensation Committee, approved changes to the compensation of the non-employee directors of the Company, effective April 1, 2005. The monthly retainer for all services on the Board and on all committees of the Board on which a non-employee director serves will be increased to \$2,500 per month. In addition, the annual grant of stock options to the non-employee directors on the date of the Company's annual meeting of stockholders will be changed so that the number of shares of the Company's Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share (the "Common Stock"), subject to such stock options shall be equal to \$30,000 (the annual retainer) divided by the closing trading price of the Common Stock, as reported on the OTC Bulletin Board or, if then listed or traded, on the principal stock exchange or stock market on which the Common Stock is then listed or traded. Directors who are also officers or employees of the Company are not paid any additional fees or compensation for their service on the Board. A Summary Sheet of Compensation of Non-Employee Directors is attached hereto as Exhibit 10.2 and incorporated herein by this reference.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(c) EXHIBITS

10.1 Metrotek Technologies, Inc. 2005 Executive Incentive Compensation Plan.

10.2 Summary Sheet of Compensation of Non-Employee Directors, effective April 1, 2005

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

METRETEK TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

By: /s/ W. Phillip Marcum

W. Phillip Marcum
President and Chief Executive Officer

Dated: March 28, 2005