

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 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)

October 4, 2005

Autodesk, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)

000-14338
(Commission File Number)

94-2819853
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

111 McInnis Parkway
San Rafael, California 94903
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(415) 507-5000
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(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 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

On October 4, 2005, Autodesk, Inc. (“**Autodesk**”) entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the “**Merger Agreement**”) by and among Autodesk, Maytag Acquisition Corporation, a Delaware corporation and a wholly-owned subsidiary of Autodesk (“**Merger Sub**”), Alias Systems Holdings Inc., a Delaware corporation (“**Alias**”), Accel-KKR Company, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, Ontario Teachers’ Pension Plan Board, an Ontario corporation, and, with respect to Article VIII, Article IX and Article X thereof only, Accel-KKR Company, LLC as stockholder representative and Computershare Trust Company, Inc. as Escrow Agent. The Merger Agreement provides that, upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Merger Agreement, Merger Sub will merge with and into Alias, with Alias continuing as the surviving corporation and as a wholly-owned subsidiary of Autodesk (the “**Merger**”).

Pursuant to the Merger Agreement, Alias stockholders and certain vested optionholders will receive approximately \$182 million in cash, subject to adjustment based on the balance sheet of Alias at the time of closing. Approximately \$36.4 million of the consideration will be placed into escrow for two years following the closing to be held as security for losses incurred by Autodesk in the event of certain breaches of the representations and warranties covered in the Merger Agreement or certain other events.

The transaction has been approved by both companies’ boards of directors and is subject to the approval of Alias’s stockholders, regulatory approvals and customary closing conditions. The Merger Agreement contains certain termination rights for both Autodesk and Alias.

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.

AUTODESK, INC.

By: /s/ ALFRED J. CASTINO

Alfred J. Castino

Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Date: October 6, 2005