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

 $\label{the coca-cola} {\tt THE\ COCA-COLA\ COMPANY}$ (Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 001-02217 58-0628465
(State or other (Commission (IRS Employer jurisdiction File Number) Identification No.) of incorporation)

One Coca-Cola Plaza
Atlanta, Georgia 30313
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (404)676-2121

Item 5. Other Events and Regulation FD Disclosure

Attached as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference is a copy of a press release of The Coca-Cola Company, dated January 14, 2004, regarding action taken by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

Item 7(c). Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release of The Coca-Cola Company, dated January 14, 2004, regarding action taken by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

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.

THE COCA-COLA COMPANY (REGISTRANT)

Date: January 14, 2004 By: /s/ Deval L. Patrick

Deval L. Patrick
Executive Vice President,
General Counsel and Secretary

Exhibit No.

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release of The Coca-Cola Company, dated January 14, 2004, regarding action taken by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

EXHIBIT 99.1

THE COCA-COLA COMPANY NEWS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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THE COCA-COLA COMPANY ISSUES STATEMENT

ATLANTA, Jan. 14, 2004 -- The Coca-Cola Company this afternoon received an order of investigation issued by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). The SEC investigation arises from the allegations raised in civil litigation filed last year in Atlanta by Matthew Whitley, a former employee. The Whitley civil litigation has since been settled. The Company will continue to cooperate fully with the SEC's investigation.