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LEUCADIA NATIONAL CORP Form 8-K August 17, 2004

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): August 17, 2004

LEUCADIA NATIONAL CORPORATION (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Commission File No. 1-5721

New York 13-2615557

(State of Incorporation) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

315 Park Avenue South
New York, NY 10010

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (212) 460-1900

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Item 5. Other Events

On August 17, 2004, the Company filed a registration statement on Form S-3 that included the following information:

"On July 8, 2004, we filed a notification and report pursuant to the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976 with the Federal Trade Commission and the Department of Justice with respect to acquiring 50% or more of the outstanding common stock of MCI Inc., a telecommunications company (formerly known as WorldCom Inc.). The waiting period expired on August 9, 2004. We currently own 15,738,100 shares of MCI common stock, representing approximately 4.96% of MCI common stock reflected as being outstanding on MCI's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2004. Our investment in these securities is approximately \$245.9 million. We cannot assure you that we will acquire control of MCI."

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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.

LEUCADIA NATIONAL CORPORATION

By: /s/ Joseph A. Orlando

Name: Joseph A. Orlando
Title: Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

Date: August 17, 2004

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