

DOT HILL SYSTEMS CORP  
Form 8-K  
January 05, 2006

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**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): December 29, 2005**

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**Dot Hill Systems Corp.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

**1-13317**  
(Commission File Number)

**13-3460176**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**6305 El Camino Real, Carlsbad, California**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**92009**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(760) 931-5500**

**Not Applicable.**

(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 December 29, 2005, we entered into a Patent Cross License with International Business Machines Corporation ( IBM ). Pursuant to the Patent Cross License, each party acquired a nonexclusive worldwide license under certain of the other party's patents related to information handling systems. In connection with the Patent Cross License, we paid IBM a one-time licensing fee of \$2.5 million. The Patent Cross License will be recorded as an intangible asset and amortized over the patents' applicable useful lives.

**SIGNATURE**

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.

**DOT HILL SYSTEMS CORP.**

By: */s/ Preston Romm*  
Preston Romm  
*Chief Financial Officer, Vice President,  
Finance, Secretary and Treasurer*

Date: January 5, 2005