

USA TRUCK INC  
Form 8-K  
December 15, 2004

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

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**FORM 8-K**

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**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 9, 2004**

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**USA TRUCK, INC.**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

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**Delaware**

**(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)**

**0-19858**  
**(Commission File Number)**

**71-0556971**  
**(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)**

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3200 Industrial Park Road

Van Buren, Arkansas  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

72956  
(Zip Code)

(479) 471-2500

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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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 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.**

On December 9, 2004, Mr. Jim L. Hanna submitted a voluntary resignation from his position as a Director of the Company, effective January 26, 2005. Mr. Hanna informed the Chairman that he was resigning in order to lessen his involvement in outside projects. The resignation did not relate to any disagreement with the Company on any matter relating to the Company's operations, policies or practices.

**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.

**USA Truck, Inc.**  
*(Registrant)*

Date: December 14, 2004

/s/ ROBERT M. POWELL

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**Robert M. Powell**  
*Chairman and Chief Executive Officer*

Date: December 14, 2004

/s/ JERRY D. ORLER

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**Jerry D. Orlor**  
*President*

Date: December 14, 2004

/s/ CLIFTON R. BECKHAM

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**Clifton R. Beckham**  
*Sr. Vice President - Finance, Chief  
Financial Officer and Secretary*