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 earliest event reported: January 11, 2005

Nuvelo, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction 000-22873 (Commission File Number) 36-3855489 (I.R.S. Employer

of Incorporation)

Identification No.)

675 Almanor Avenue, Sunnyvale, California 94085

 $(Address\ of\ Principal\ Executive\ Offices)\ (Zip\ Code)$

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(408) 215-4000

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

N/A

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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ITEM 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On January 11, 2005, we entered into a seven-year facilities lease agreement with BMR-201 Industrial Road LLC at approximately \$2.35 per rentable square foot per month, subject to annual adjustments, for approximately 55,000 square feet of industrial space at 201 Industrial Road in San Carlos, California. Our rent payment obligations under the lease will commence no later than September 1, 2005. The lease agreement provides us with an option to cancel the lease after five years, two options to extend the lease for five additional years at 95% of the then-current fair market rental rate (but not less than the existing rental rate), and rights of first refusal over all vacant space in the building during the first two years of the lease. The lease agreement further provides us with an option to expand the leased premises by 10,000 square feet provided that the option is exercised within 12 months of the date the Company s rent payment obligations commence.

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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.

Nuvelo, Inc.

(Registrant)

By: /s/ Lee Bendekgey

Lee Bendekgey Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and General Counsel

Dated: January 14, 2005