

AMAZON COM INC
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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**

August 11, 2005

DATE OF REPORT

(DATE OF EARLIEST EVENT REPORTED)

AMAZON.COM, INC.

(EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN CHARTER)

**DELAWARE
(STATE OR OTHER JURISDICTION**

OF INCORPORATION)

**000-22513
(COMMISSION FILE NO.)**

**91-1646860
(IRS EMPLOYER**

IDENTIFICATION NO.)

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(ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES, INCLUDING ZIP CODE)

(206) 266-1000

(REGISTRANT'S TELEPHONE NUMBER, INCLUDING AREA CODE)

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On August 11, 2005, Amazon.com announced that it has entered into a settlement with Sovereign Software, LLC of a lawsuit alleging patent infringement by Amazon.com. The litigation was settled on terms that include, among other things, a one-time payment of \$40 million in third quarter 2005, dismissal of all claims and counterclaims, mutual releases, and a non-exclusive license to Sovereign's patent portfolio. Amazon.com expects to record a previously unanticipated charge to Other operating expense of up to \$40 million in third quarter 2005 in connection with this settlement. The litigation was originally filed on January 12, 2004 in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas.

Forward Looking Statement

This announcement contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Actual results may differ significantly from management's expectations. These forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties that include, among others, risks related to potential future losses, significant amount of indebtedness, competition, management of growth, potential fluctuations in operating results, international expansion, outcomes of legal proceedings and claims, fulfillment center optimization, seasonality, commercial agreements, acquisitions, and strategic transactions, foreign exchange rates, system interruption, consumer trends, inventory, limited operating history, government regulation and taxation, fraud, and new business areas. More information about factors that potentially could affect Amazon.com's financial results is included in Amazon.com's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2004, and all subsequent filings.

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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.

AMAZON.COM, INC. (REGISTRANT)

By: /s/ MARK S. PEEK

Mark S. Peek
Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer

Dated: August 11, 2005