APPLIED INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGIES INC Form 8-K December 28, 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): December 28, 2004

APPLIED INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGIES, INC. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

OHIO	1-2299	34-0117420
(State or Other Jurisdiction of	(Commission File	(I.R.S. Employer
Incorporation or Organization)	Number)	Identification No.

Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: (216) 426-4000.

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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- | | Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- | | Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- | | Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

ITEM 7.01. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

The following information is furnished pursuant to Item 7.01, "Regulation FD Disclosure".

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Attached as Exhibit 99 and incorporated by reference herein is the text of registrant's press release dated December 28, 2004 regarding sales and earnings guidance for the second quarter of fiscal 2005.

None of the contents of this Form 8-K should be deemed incorporated by reference into a Securities Act registration statement.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

Exhibit 99 - Press release of Applied Industrial Technologies, Inc. dated December 28, 2004.

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, thereunto duly authorized.

APPLIED INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGIES, INC. (Registrant)

By: /s/ Fred D. Bauer

Fred D. Bauer Vice President-General Counsel & Secretary

Date: December 28, 2004

EXHIBIT INDEX

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