

SCHLUMBERGER LTD /NV/
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October 21, 2005

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): October 21, 2005

SCHLUMBERGER N.V. (SCHLUMBERGER LIMITED)

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Netherlands Antilles
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

1-4601
(Commission File Number)

52-0684746
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

153 East 53rd Street, 57th Floor New York, New York 10022-4624

42, rue Saint-Dominique, Paris, France 75007

Parkstraat 83, The Hague, The Netherlands 2514 JG

(Addresses of principal executive offices and zip or postal codes)

Registrant's telephone number in the United States, including area code: (212) 350-9400

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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 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

The Third Quarter 2005 Press Release furnished as Exhibit 99.1 hereto, and the Supplemental Information furnished as Exhibit 99.2 hereto, were posted on the Schlumberger internet web site (www.slb.com/ir) on October 21, 2005.

In addition to financial results determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) that are included in the attached Third Quarter 2005 Press Release and Supplemental Information, these documents also include the following non-GAAP financial measures (as defined under the SEC's Regulation G):

Net debt: Net debt is gross debt less cash, short-term investments and fixed income investments held to maturity. Management believes that net debt provides useful information regarding the level of Schlumberger's indebtedness by reflecting cash and investments that could be used to repay debt, and that the level of net debt provides useful information as to the results of Schlumberger's deleveraging efforts.

Income from continuing operations before charges and credits, diluted earnings per share before charges and credits, pretax return on sales before charges and credits, after tax before minority interest return on sales, and effective tax rate before charges and credits: Management believes that the exclusion of charges and credits enables it to evaluate more effectively Schlumberger's operations period over period and to identify operating trends that could otherwise be masked by the excluded items.

Return on Capital Employed: Return on capital employed (ROCE) is computed as (1) net income from continuing operations excluding charges and credits plus minority interest plus interest expense minus interest income minus tax benefit on interest expense, divided by (2) the quarterly average of (stockholders' equity plus net debt plus minority interest). Management believes that ROCE provides useful information regarding the value Schlumberger creates for the providers of capital, namely stockholders and bondholders, by reflecting the level of net income generated by continuing operations using a given level of capital.

The foregoing non-GAAP financial measures should be considered in addition to, not as a substitute for, or superior to, total debt, net income, cash flows or other measures of financial performance prepared in accordance with GAAP as more fully discussed in Schlumberger's financial statements and filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

The exhibits listed below are furnished pursuant to Item 9.01 of this Form 8-K.

99.1 Third Quarter 2005 Press Release dated October 21, 2005.

99.2 Supplemental Information regarding Third Quarter 2005 Results.

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.

SCHLUMBERGER N.V.
(SCHLUMBERGER LIMITED)

By: /s/ Howard Guild

Howard Guild
Chief Accounting Officer

Date: October 21, 2005