WALT DISNEY CO/ Form 8-K August 31, 2009

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 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):

August 31, 2009

The Walt Disney Company

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction

1-11605 (Commission File Number) No. 95-4545390 (IRS Employer

of incorporation) Identification No.)

500 South Buena Vista Street

Burbank, California 91521

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (818) 560-1000

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):

- x 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 8.01. Other Events.

On August 31, 2009, The Walt Disney Company (Disney) and Marvel Entertainment, Inc. (Marvel) issued a joint press release announcing that they had entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated August 31, 2009, relating to the acquisition of Marvel by Disney and the other matters described therein. A copy of the joint press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits. (d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Joint press release of The Walt Disney Company and Marvel Entertainment, Inc., dated August 31, 2009.

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.

THE WALT DISNEY COMPANY

By: /s/ Roger J. Patterson Name: Roger J. Patterson

Title: Managing Vice President, Counsel Registered In-House Counsel

Dated: August 31, 2009

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