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Form 8-K  
March 08, 2006

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): March 2, 2006

RIVIERA HOLDINGS CORPORATION  
(exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Nevada (State of Incorporation)	000-21430 (Commission File Number)	88-0296885 (IRS Employer Identification No.)
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2901 Las Vegas Boulevard  
Las Vegas, Nevada  
(Address of principal office)

89109  
(Zip code)

Registrant's Telephone number,  
including area code

(702) 794-9527

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Section 8 - Other Events  
Item 8.01. Other Events

On December 22, 2005, Mr. William L. Westerman, our Chief Executive Officer, entered into an agreement with a group of buyers for the sale of 1.0 million of his shares of Riviera stock at \$15.00 per share and the possibility of the sale of his remaining approximately 1.1 million shares to them at that same price. On January 8, 2006, the sale of the 1 million shares was consummated, which resulted in those shares becoming "restricted securities" under Rule 144 of the Securities and Exchange Commission. In connection with that agreement, it was publicly reported in Schedule 13Ds filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission that the buyers intended to commence negotiations with Riviera to acquire the company at a price of not less than \$15.00 per share. On March 2, 2006, discussions between the Special Committee of Riviera's Board of Directors and the buyers of Mr. Westerman's shares, concerning their possible acquisition of Riviera, terminated due to the buyers'

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and our Special Committee's did not reach agreement on the acquisition price.  
Section 9 - Financial Statements and Exhibits Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: March 7, 2006

RIVIERA HOLDINGS CORPORATION

By: /s/ Duane Krohn  
Treasurer and CFO

