

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**

March 1, 2005

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported)

ARCHER-DANIELS-MIDLAND COMPANY

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware

(State of Incorporation)

1-44

(Commission File Number)

41-0129150

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

4666 Faries Parkway

Decatur, Illinois

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

62526

(Zip Code)

(217) 424-5200

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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):

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

Item 8.01. Other Events.

Archer-Daniels-Midland Company (the “Company”) reported the sale of its 27.9 million share interest in Tate & Lyle PLC for \$271 million. The sale produced an after tax gain of \$93 million, or \$.14 per share, which will be included in the Company’s results for the fiscal 2005 third quarter ending March 31, 2005. The Company issued a press release relating to this transaction which is furnished as Exhibit 99 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

99 Press Release dated March 7, 2005

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.

ARCHER-DANIELS-MIDLAND COMPANY

Date: March 7, 2005

/s/ David J. Smith

David J. Smith

*Executive Vice President, Secretary and
General Counsel*

EXHIBIT INDEX

<u>No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Manner of Filing</u>
99	Press Release dated March 7, 2005.....	Filed Electronically



Archer Daniels Midland Company
4666 Faries Parkway
Decatur, IL 62526

News Release

March 7, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

ADM REPORTS GAIN OF \$93 MILLION ON THE SALE OF INTEREST IN TATE & LYLE PLC

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Archer Daniels Midland Company (ADM) is a world leader in agricultural processing. ADM is one of the world's largest processors of soybeans, corn, wheat and cocoa. ADM is also a leader in the production of soy meal and oil, ethanol, corn sweeteners and flour. In addition, ADM produces value-added food and feed ingredients. Headquartered in Decatur, Illinois, ADM has over 26,000 employees, more than 250 processing plants and net sales for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2004 of \$36.2 billion. Additional information can be found on ADM's Web site at <http://www.admworld.com>.

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