

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT  
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (date of earliest event reported) January 4, 2005

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**WATSCO, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Florida**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**1-5581**  
(Commission File Number)

**59-0778222**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**2665 South Bayshore Drive, Suite 901  
Coconut Grove, Florida 33133**  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code (305) 714-4100**

**N/A**  
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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Check the appropriate box 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.):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  - Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
  - 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))
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**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On January 4, 2005, Watsco, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing the completion of its acquisition of East Coast Metal Distributors, Inc., one of the nation's largest distributors of air conditioning and heating products. A copy of the Company's press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is hereby incorporated by reference.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

## (c) Exhibits

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press release dated January 4, 2005 issued by Watsco, Inc.

**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, thereunto duly authorized.

**WATSCO, INC.**

Dated: January 4, 2005

By: /s/ Ana M. Menendez

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Ana M. Menendez,  
Chief Financial Officer

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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99.1	Press release dated January 4, 2005 issued by Watsco, Inc.

**Watsco Completes Acquisition of \$180 Million  
Sunbelt Distribution Company**

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**East Coast Adds 27 Locations To Watsco's Network**

MIAMI, FLORIDA, January 4, 2005 – Watsco, Inc. (NYSE:WSO) today announced that it has completed the previously announced acquisition of East Coast Metal Distributors, Inc., one of the nation's largest distributors of air conditioning and heating products. The transaction is expected to be accretive to Watsco in 2005. The undisclosed purchase price was paid in a combination of cash and Watsco, Inc. common stock with the cash portion coming from Watsco's cash on hand.

Founded in 1954 and based in Durham, North Carolina, East Coast had 2004 revenues of approximately \$180 million and operates from 27 locations serving over 3,500 air conditioning and heating contractors throughout North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Virginia and Tennessee. East Coast will operate as a subsidiary of Watsco under its present name and management team.

Watsco is the nation's largest independent distributor of air conditioning, heating and refrigeration equipment and related products in the distribution segment of the HVAC industry, currently operating 344 locations serving over 33,000 customers in 31 states. The Company's goal is to build a national network of locations that provide the finest service and product availability for HVAC contractors, assisting and supporting them as they serve the country's homeowners and businesses.

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This document contains 'forward-looking' statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Reform Act of 1995. These statements are based on management's current expectations and are subject to uncertainty and changes in circumstances. Actual results may differ materially from these expectations due to changes in economic, business, competitive market, regulatory and other factors, including, without limitation, the effects of supplier concentration, competitive conditions within Watsco's industry, the seasonal nature of sales of Watsco's products and other risks. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date the statement was made. Watsco assumes no obligation to update forward-looking information to reflect actual results, changes in assumptions or changes in other factors affecting forward-looking information. Detailed information about these factors and additional important factors can be found in the documents that Watsco files from time to time with the Securities & Exchange Commission, such as Form 10-K, Form 10-Q and Form 8-K.