
**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) **October 20, 2004**

Martin Marietta Materials, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

North Carolina

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

1-12744

(Commission File Number)

56-1848578

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

2710 Wycliff Road, Raleigh, North Carolina

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

27607

(Zip Code)

(919) 781-4550

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Not Applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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:

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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 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.

On October 20, 2004, the Board of Directors of the Corporation elected Laree E. Perez to serve as a Director of the Corporation. It is currently anticipated that Ms. Perez will serve on the Corporation's Audit Committee and Ethics, Environment, Safety and Health Committee.

The Corporation issued a press release on October 20, 2004 announcing the election of Ms. Perez, which is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Report.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated October 20, 2004, announcing the election of Laree E. Perez to serve as a Director of the Corporation.

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.

MARTIN MARIETTA MATERIALS, INC.
(Registrant)

Date: October 20, 2004

By: /s/ Janice K. Henry
Janice K. Henry,
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release dated October 20, 2004, announcing the election of Laree E. Perez to serve as a Director of the Corporation.



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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**MARTIN MARIETTA MATERIALS, INC.
ANNOUNCES THE ELECTION OF LAREE E. PEREZ TO ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

RALEIGH, North Carolina (October 20, 2004) – Stephen P. Zelnak, Jr., Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Martin Marietta Materials, Inc. (NYSE:MLM), today announced that Ms. Laree E. Perez has been elected as a member of the Board of Directors of Martin Marietta Materials. Ms. Perez (51) is a member of the Board of Directors of Reliant Energy where she chairs the Audit Committee. She is the managing partner in Medallion Investment Management Company with offices in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Detroit, Michigan. Ms. Perez previously founded an investment management company that she sold to Loomis Sayles & Company in 1996.

Ms. Perez is a graduate of Baylor University with a BBA in Finance and Economics. She recently served as Vice Chairman of the Board of Regents at Baylor.

Commenting on the election, Zelnak stated, “The Board of Directors of Martin Marietta Materials is extremely pleased to add a director of Ms. Perez’s caliber to our Board. Her strong credentials in corporate governance and her extensive background and experience in financial matters should contribute greatly to the success of our company.”

Martin Marietta is the nation’s second largest producer of construction aggregates, a leading producer of magnesia-based chemical products and is developing structural composites products for use in a wide variety of industries.

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