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): January 26, 2006
PC Connection, Inc.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

| Delaware | 0-23827 | 02-0513618 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (State or other juris- | (Commission | (IRS Employer |
| diction of incorporation | File Number) | Identification No.) |

Rt. 101A, 730 Milford Road
Merrimack, NH
(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (603) 683-2000

## N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)
|_| Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

I_| Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

I_| 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 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On January 26, 2006, PC Connection, Inc. announced its financial results for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2005. The full text of the press release issued in connection with the announcement is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

The information in this Form 8-K (including Exhibit 99.1) shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits
(d) Exhibits

The following exhibit relating to Item 2.02 shall be deemed to be furnished, and not filed:
99.1 Press Release issued by PC Connection, Inc. on January 26,

## SIGNATURE

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.

PC CONNECTION, INC.
By: /s/ Jack Ferguson
Jack Ferguson Treasurer, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

## EXHIBIT INDEX

| Exhibit No. | Description |
| :--- | :--- |
| 99.1 | Press release issued by PC Connection, Inc. on <br> January $26,2006$. |

PC Connection, Inc. Reports Fourth Quarter and Full-Year Results
MERRIMACK, N.H.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Jan. 26, 2006--PC Connection, Inc. (NASDAQ: PCCC), a leading direct marketer of information technology products and solutions, today announced results for the quarter ended December 31, 2005. Net sales for the quarter ended December 31, 2005 increased by $\$ 59.0$ million, or $17.4 \%$ to $\$ 398.6$ million from $\$ 339.6$ million for the quarter ended December 31, 2004. Fourth quarter 2005 sales included $\$ 25.2$ million from the Amherst Technologies asset acquisition in October 2005. Net income for the quarter ended December 31, 2005 was at essentially break even, compared to $\$ 2.1$ million, or $\$ .08$ per share, for the prior year quarter.

The quarters ended December 31, 2005 and 2004 included charges relating to our Amherst Technologies transaction, management restructuring, and other special charges that reduced earnings and earnings per share. Had these charges not been recorded, pro forma net income for the quarter ended December 31, 2005 would have been $\$ 0.8$ million, or $\$ .03$ per share, compared to $\$ 3.1$ million, or $\$ .12$ per share, for the quarter ended December 31, 2004. A reconciliation between net income on a GAAP basis and pro forma net income is provided in a table immediately following the Consolidated Income Statements.

Net sales for the year ended December 31, 2005 increased by $\$ 90.5$ million, or $6.7 \%$, to $\$ 1,444.3$ million from $\$ 1,353.8$ million for the year ended December 31, 2004. Net income for the year ended December 31, 2005 was $\$ 4.4$ million, or $\$ .18$ per share, compared to $\$ 8.3$ million, or $\$ .33$ per share for the year ended December 31, 2004. The years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004 included charges related to our Amherst Technologies acquisition, management restructuring, and other special charges that reduced earnings and earnings per share. Had these charges not been recorded, pro forma net income for the year ended December 31, 2005 would have been $\$ 5.7$ million, or $\$ .23$ per share, compared to $\$ 11.5$ million, or $\$ .46$ per share, for the prior year.

Patricia Gallup, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of PC Connection, Inc., said, "As we indicated in our press release on January 19th, the fourth quarter 2005 was an investment quarter for the Company. In addition to the transitional costs related to the purchase of Amherst Technologies assets, our fourth quarter results were affected by the Company's increased investments in customer acquisition programs and other marketing initiatives. We also experienced lower than anticipated gross margins due primarily to product mix, and our targeting of high-value customers."

Net sales for the small- and medium-sized business (SMB) segment increased this quarter by $9.1 \%$ from the fourth quarter of 2004 to $\$ 223.5$ million, and increased sequentially by $9.8 \%$ over the immediately preceding quarter. Sales to large account customers increased by $46.4 \%$ over the fourth quarter of 2004 to $\$ 112.3$ million and increased by $39.7 \%$ over the third quarter of 2005, largely due to additional sales generated in the quarter from the Amherst Technologies acquisition referred to earlier and their inclusion in this segment. Sales to government and education customers increased by $8.2 \%$ for this quarter to $\$ 62.8$ million compared to the fourth quarter of 2004.

Notebooks and PDAs continued to be the Company's largest product category, but decreased to $17.3 \%$ of net sales in the fourth quarter of 2005 compared to $18.9 \%$ for the corresponding period a year ago. Desktop computers and servers accounted for $14.4 \%$ of net sales in the fourth quarter of 2005 compared to $15.1 \%$ for the corresponding period a year ago.

Gross profit margin, as a percentage of net sales, was 11.0\% in the fourth quarter of 2005 compared to $12.5 \%$ in the fourth quarter of 2004, and compared to $11.3 \%$ in the third quarter of 2005. The Company expects that its gross profit margin as a percentage of net sales may continue to vary by quarter based upon vendor support programs, product and customer mix, pricing strategies, market conditions, and other factors.

Consolidated annualized sales productivity increased sequentially by $6.0 \%$ in the fourth quarter of 2005 compared to the third quarter of 2005, and increased $11.4 \%$ compared to the fourth quarter of 2004. The total number of sales representatives as of December 31, 2005 increased to 618 from 585 as of September 30, 2005, and increased from 581 as of December 31, 2004.

Total selling, general, and administrative expenses for the quarter increased year over year by $\$ 3.9$ million, or $10.2 \%$, over the fourth quarter of 2004, and sequentially by $\$ 4.1$ million, or $11.0 \%$, over the third quarter of 2005, primarily as the result of the Amherst

Technologies acquisition and our increased investments in systems
improvements, customer acquisition and sales training programs, and in our services business. However, selling, general, and administrative expenses, as a percentage of sales, decreased to $10.5 \%$ in the fourth quarter of 2005 compared to $11.1 \%$ in the corresponding period a year ago. The Company expects that its selling, general, and administrative expenses, as a percentage of net sales, may vary by quarter depending on changes in sales volume, as well as the levels of continuing investments in key growth initiatives.

Ms. Gallup concluded, "We continue to make strategic decisions that we believe will enable the Company to improve profitability and increase long-term shareholder value. We launched our new "Core 1" sales training program in this quarter with the goal of improving retention and productivity. We are on-target to open our new sales call center in Texas next month. We expect this call center to give us better coverage in the western part of the country for our SMB segment as well as access to an additional large and talented workforce. We believe our balance sheet is healthy, and we intend to maintain this strong financial position while continuing to invest for the future."

About PC Connection, Inc.
PC Connection, Inc., a Fortune 1000 company, operates three sales subsidiaries, PC Connection Sales Corporation of Merrimack, NH, GovConnection, Inc. of Rockville, MD, and MoreDirect, Inc. of Boca Raton, FL. All three subsidiaries can deliver custom-configured computer systems overnight.

PC Connection Sales Corporation (1-800-800-5555) is a rapid-response provider of information technology (IT) products and solutions offering more than 100,000 brand-name products to businesses through its staff of technically-trained sales account managers and catalog telesales representatives, catalogs and publications, and its web site at www.pcconnection.com. The subsidiary serves the Apple/Macintosh community through its MacConnection division (1-800-800-2222), which also publishes specialized catalogs and is online at www.macconnection.com.

GovConnection, Inc. (1-800-800-0019) is a rapid-response provider of IT products and solutions to federal, state, and local government agencies and educational institutions through specialized account managers, catalogs and publications, and online at www.govconnection.com.

MoreDirect, Inc. (561-237-3300), www.moredirect.com, provides corporate technology buyers with a comprehensive web-based e-procurement solution and in-depth IT supply-chain expertise, serving as a one-stop source by aggregating more than 300,000 products from the inventories of leading IT wholesale distributors and manufacturers.

A live webcast of PC Connection management's discussion of the fourth quarter will be available on the Company's Web site at www.pcconnection.com and on www.streetevents.com. The webcast will begin today at 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time.
"Safe Harbor" Statement Under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995: This release contains forward-looking statements that are subject to risks and uncertainties, including, but not limited to, the impact of changes in market demand and the overall level of economic activity, or in the level of business investment in information technology products, competitive products and pricing, product availability and market acceptance, new products, fluctuations in operating results, the Company's success at integrating the acquired assets of Amherst Technologies into its businesses, the impact of the costs of acquisition and integration, the ability of the Company to hire and retain Amherst Technologies sales representatives and other essential personnel, and other risks detailed under the caption "Factors That May Affect Future Results and Financial Condition" in the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission for the quarter ended September 30, 2005. More specifically, the statements in this release concerning the Company's outlook for 2006 and the statements concerning the Company's gross margin percentage, productivity, and selling and administrative costs and other statements of a non-historical basis (including statements regarding implementing strategies for future growth, the ability of the Company to improve sales productivity and increase its active customers) are forward-looking statements that involve certain risks and uncertainties. Such risks and uncertainties include the ability to realize market demand for and competitive pricing pressures on the products and services marketed by the Company, the continued acceptance of the Company's distribution channel by vendors and customers, continuation of key vendor and customer relationships and support programs and the ability of the

Company to hire and retain qualified sales representatives and other essential personnel.

CONSOLIDATED SELECTED FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

| At or for the Three Months Ended December 31, | 2005 |  | 2004 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (Dollars and shares in thous except operating data, price/earnings ratio, and per share data) | sands, | \% of <br> Net <br> Sales |  | \% of <br> Net Sales | $\begin{gathered} \text { \% } \\ \text { Change } \end{gathered}$ |
| Operating Data: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Net sales | \$398, 612 |  | \$339,599 |  | 17.4\% |
| Diluted earnings per share | e $\quad \$ .00$ |  | \$. 08 |  |  |
| Gross profit margin | 11.0\% |  | 12.5\% |  |  |
| Operating margin | 0.2 |  | 0.9 |  |  |
| Return on equity (1) | 0.0 |  | 5.1 |  |  |
| Catalogs distributed 6 | 6,284,000 |  | 10,868,000 |  | (42.2)\% |
| Orders entered (2) | 380,000 |  | 332,000 |  | 14.5 |
| Average order size (2) | \$1,195 |  | \$1,132 |  | 5.6 |
| Inventory turns (1) | 20 |  | 14 |  |  |
| Days sales outstanding | 47 |  | 42 |  |  |
| Product Mix: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Notebooks \& PDAs | \$69,139 | 17.3\% | \$64,164 | 18.9\% | 7.8\% |
| Desktops/Servers | 57,189 | 14.4 | 51,212 | 15.1 | 11.7 |
| Storage Devices | 33,641 | 8.4 | 29,594 | 8.7 | 13.7 |
| Software | 48,266 | 12.1 | 39,892 | 11.7 | 21.0 |
| Net/Com Products | 32,383 | 8.1 | 24,861 | 7.3 | 30.3 |
| Printers \& Printer |  |  |  |  |  |
| Video, Imaging, \& Sound | 54,552 | 13.7 | 42,265 | 12.4 | 29.1 |
| Memory \& System |  |  |  |  |  |
| Accessories/Other | 42,655 | 10.7 | 34,136 | 10.1 | 25.0 |
|  | \$398, 612 | 100.0\% | \$339,599 | 100.0\% | 17.4\% |

Net Sales of Enterprise Server and Networking Products (included in the above Product Mix):

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\$ 116,705 \\
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\end{array} \quad 29.3 \% \quad \begin{aligned}
& \$ 95,697 \\
& =======
\end{aligned} \quad 28.2 \% \quad 22.0 \%
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| Stock Performance |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Indicators: |  |  |
| Actual shares outstanding | 25,259 | 25,100 |
| Total book value per share | $\$ 6.79$ |  |
| Tangible book value per |  |  |
| share | $\$ 4.32$ | $\$ 4.44$ |
| Closing price | $\$ 5.38$ | $\$ 9.52$ |
| Market capitalization | $\$ 135,895$ | $\$ 238,952$ |
| Trailing price/earnings |  |  |
| ratio (3) | 30 | 29 |

(1) Annualized
(2) Does not reflect cancellations or returns
(3) Earnings is based on the last four quarters


| PC Connection Sales Corporation (SMB) | \$223,504 | 12.2\% | \$204,878 | 14.0\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| GovConnection (Public Sector) | 62,805 | 9.6 | 58,022 | 9.8 |
| MoreDirect (Large Account) | 112,303 | 9.3 | 76,699 | 10.7 |
| Total | \$398, 612 | 11.0\% | \$339,599 | 12.5\% |


| CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENTS |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Three Months Ended December 31, | 2005 |  | 2004 |  |
| (Amounts in thousands, except per share data) | Amount | \% of Net Sales | Amount | \% of Net Sales |
| Net sales | \$398,612 | 100.0\% | \$339,599 | 100.0\% |
| Cost of sales | 354,794 | 89.0 | 297,038 | 87.5 |
| Gross Profit | 43,818 | 11.0 | 42,561 | 12.5 |
| Selling, general, and administrative expenses | 41,655 | 10.5 | 37,791 | 11.1 |
| Special charges | 1,274 | 0.3 | 1,649 | 0.5 |
| Income From Operations | 889 | 0.2 | 3,121 | 0.9 |
| Interest expense | (601) | (0.1) | (326) | (0.1) |
| Other, net | 39 | 0.0 | 16 | 0.0 |
| Income tax provision | (316) | (0.1) | (738) | (0.2) |
| Net Income | \$11 | 0.0\% | \$2, 073 | 0.6\% |



CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENTS


| Net sales | \$1, 444, 297 | 100.0\% | \$1,353, 834 | 100.0\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cost of sales | 1,280,701 | 88.7 | 1,201,780 | 88.8 |
| Gross Profit | 163,596 | 11.3 | 152,054 | 11.2 |
| Selling, general, and administrative expenses | 151,981 | 10.5 | 132,729 | 9.8 |
| Special charges | 2,127 | 0.1 | 5,232 | 0.4 |
| Income From Operations | 9,488 | 0.7 | 14,093 | 1.0 |
| Interest expense | $(1,447)$ | (0.1) | $(1,385)$ | (0.1) |
| Other, net | 89 | 0.0 | 152 | 0.0 |
| Income tax provision | $(3,683)$ | (0.3) | $(4,556)$ | (0.3) |
| Net Income | \$4,447 | 0.3\% | \$8,304 | 0.6\% |


| Basic |  | \$. 33 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Diluted |  | \$. 33 |  |  |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding: |  |  |  |  |
| Basic | 25,184 | 25,028 |  |  |
| Diluted | 25,281 |  |  |  |
| $========$ |  | ========== |  |  |
| A RECONCILIATION BETWEEN GAAP AND PRO FORMA NET INCOME |  |  |  |  |
| This information is being provided so as to allow for a comparison of our operating results without special charges. |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\begin{array}{cc}\text { Three Months } & \text { Twelve Months } \\ \text { Ended } & \text { Ended } \\ \text { December 31, December 31, }\end{array}$ |  |  |  |
| (Amounts in thousands) | 2005 | $2004 \quad 2005 \quad 2004$ |  |  |
| GAAP net income     <br> Special charges (after tax): $\$ 11$ $\$ 2,073$ $\$ 4,447$ $\$ 8,304$ |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Management restructuring | 131 | 172 | 643 | 533 |
| Amherst Technologies acquisition GSA review and other | 633 | - | 633 | - |
|  | - | 850 | - | 2,711 |
|  | 764 | 1,022 | 1,276 | 3,244 |
| Pro forma net income | \$775 \$3, 095 | \$3,095 \$5,723 |  | \$11,548 |
| CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { December } \\ 31, \end{gathered}$ |  | December 31, |
| (Amounts in thousands) |  |  |  | 2004 |

## ASSETS

Current Assets:

| Cash and cash equivalents | \$9,770 | \$6,829 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Accounts receivable, net | 162,525 | 120,752 |
| Inventories - merchandise | 75,374 | 78,390 |
| Deferred income taxes | 3,769 | 3,039 |
| Income taxes receivable | 1,742 | 1,325 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 4,219 | 3,644 |
| Total current assets | 257,399 | 213,979 |
| Property and equipment, net | 17,700 | 17,647 |
| Goodwill, net | 57,220 | 51,687 |
| Other intangibles, net | 5,027 | 3,040 |
| Other assets | 359 | 189 |
| Total assets | \$337, 705 | \$286,542 |

## LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

Current Liabilities:
Current maturities of capital lease obligations:

| To affiliate | \$416 | \$373 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| To third party | 412 | 391 |
| te payable - bank | 19,975 | 4,810 |
| counts payable | 114,413 | 79,709 |
| crued expenses and other liabilities | 21,290 | 18,138 |
| quisition earn-out obligation |  | 6,921 |
| Total current liabilities | 156,506 | 10,342 |

Capital lease obligations, less current maturities:

| To affiliate | 5,299 | 5,715 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| To third party | 396 | 841 |
| ferred income taxes | 4,105 | 3,486 |
| Total liabilities | 166,306 | 20,384 |


| Stockholders' Equity: |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Common stock | 256 | 255 |
| Additional paid-in capital | 77,884 | 77,091 |
| Retained earnings | 95,545 | 91,098 |
| Treasury stock at cost | $(2,286)$ | $(2,286)$ |
| Total stockholders' equity | 171,399 | 166,158 |
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity | \$337,705 | \$286, 542 |

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY
Twelve months ended December 31, 2005 (Amounts in thousands)

Balance
December
31, 2004 25,462 \$255 \$77,091 \$91,098 (362)(\$2,286)\$166,158
Exercise of
stock
options,
including
income tax
benefits
$96 \quad 1 \quad 447$
447 - $\quad-\quad$ - $\quad 448$
Issuance of
stock under
employee
stock
$\begin{array}{llllll}\text { purchase } \\ \text { plan } & 64 & & & & \\ 312\end{array}$
Acceleration
of certain
stock
$\begin{array}{llllllll}\text { options } & - & - & 34 & - & - & - & 34\end{array}$


| Balance - |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| December |  |  |  |  |  |
| 31, 2005 | 25,622 | \$256 | \$77,884 | \$95,545 | (362)(\$2,286)\$171,399 |
|  | =-==- | = | ======= | ======= | ==== ======= ======== |

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
Twelve Months Ended December 31, 20052004
(Amounts in thousands)

Cash Flows from Operating Activities:

| Net income | $\$ 4,447$ | $\$ 8,304$ |
| :--- | :---: | ---: |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash |  |  |
| provided by operating activities: |  |  |
| Depreciation and amortization | 7,197 | 7,127 |
| Provision for doubtful accounts | 3,993 | 4,280 |
| Deferred income taxes | $(111)$ | 632 |
| Loss on disposal of fixed assets | 43 | 8 |
| Income tax benefits from exercise of stock |  | 82 |
| options | 34 | 97 |
| Acceleration of certain stock options |  | - |
| Changes in assets and liabilities: | $(45,766)$ | 19,305 |
| Accounts receivable | 3,016 | 1,750 |
| Inventories | $(992)$ | 870 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | $(170)$ | 19 |
| Other non-current assets | 34,704 | $(32,829)$ |
| Accounts payable | 3,152 | 3,755 |


| Cash Flows from Investing Activities: |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Purchases of property and equipment | $(6,572)$ | $(2,804)$ |
| Purchase of intangible asset | (475) | - |
| Proceeds from sale of property and equipment | 13 | 3 |
| Payment for acquisition | $(7,779)$ | - |
| Payment of acquisition earn-out obligation | $(6,921)$ | (11, 095 ) |
| Cash escrow distributed for acquisition | - | 5, 000 |
| Net cash used for investing activities | $(21,734)$ | $(8,896)$ |
| Cash Flows from Financing Activities: |  |  |
| Proceeds from short-term borrowings | 320, 379 | 369, 285 |
| Repayment of short-term borrowings | $(305,214)$ | (370, 089 ) |
| Repayment of capital lease obligations | (797) | (334) |
| Exercise of stock options | 366 | 163 |
| Issuance of stock under employee stock purchase plan | 312 | 405 |
| Net cash provided by (used for) financing activities | 15, 046 | (570) |
| Increase in cash and cash equivalents | 2,941 | 3,852 |
| Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period | 6,829 | 2,977 |
| Cash and cash equivalents, end of period | \$9,770 | \$6,829 |

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