CENTRAL EUROPEAN MEDIA ENTERPRISES LTD Form 8-K January 25, 2006

UNITED STATES 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

Date of Report (date of earliest event reported) January 23, 2006

CENTRAL EUROPEAN MEDIA ENTERPRISES LTD.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

BERMUDA

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation and organisation)

Clarendon House, Church Street, Hamilton (Address of principal executive

offices)

0-24796 (Commission File Number)

98-0438382 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

HM CX Bermuda

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (441) 296-1431

Not applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Item 2.01. Significant acquisitions or dispositions

On January 23, 2006, Central European Media Enterprises Ltd. ("CME") completed the acquisition of a controlling interest in TV Markíza in the Slovak Republic by purchasing 100% of the share capital of A.R.J a.s. ("A.R.J") for consideration of approximately US\$ 24.4 million. A.R.J. holds a 46% voting interest in Markíza -Slovakia s.r.o. ("Markíza").

The transaction consisted of our acquiring 34% of the shares in A.R.J. from Pavel Rusko for consideration of SKK 494 million (approximately US \$15.9 million) and 66% of the shares in A.R.J from Media Partner s.r.o ("Media Partner") and Salis s.r.o. ("Salis") for consideration of EUR 7 million (approximately US\$ 8.5 million). Media Partner is controlled by Jan Kováčik and Salis is controlled by Milan Fil'o. Deferred consideration of approximately US \$5.1 million is payable to the sellers on May 31, 2006.

In connection with this transaction, we have obtained an additional 10% economic interest in the Slovak operations and now hold an 80% economic interest. CME now owns an 80% voting interest in Markíza (including the 46% voting interest held by A.R.J and 34% held by CME) and 89.9% voting interest in Slovenska Televizna Spolocnost s.r.o. as a result of this acquisition. The remaining 20% voting and economic interest in the Slovak operations is held by our partners Jan Kováčik and Milan Fil'o through Media Invest s.r.o.

Signatures

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, we have duly caused this report to be signed on our behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Officer)

Date: January 25, 2006

<u>/s/ Wallace Macmillan</u> Wallace Macmillan Vice President - Finance (Principal Financial Officer and Duly Authorized