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March 24, 2005

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) March 24, 2005

MDU Resources Group, Inc.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	1-3480	41-0423660
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

Schuchart Building  
918 East Divide Avenue  
P.O. Box 5650  
Bismarck, North Dakota 58506-5650  
(Address of principal executive offices)  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (701) 222-7900

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Item 8.01. Other Events.

On March 24, 2005, MDU Resources Group, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing that MPX Holdings, the Company's Brazilian partnership with EBX Capital Partners, reached an agreement in principle with Brazilian state-controlled energy firm Petrobras, suspending arbitration proceedings and providing a framework for the sale of its MPX Termoceara, Ltda. generating plant to Petrobras. The press release which is incorporated by reference herein, is attached as Exhibit 99.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

99 Press Release issued March 24, 2005

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.

MDU RESOURCES GROUP, INC.

Date March 24, 2005

BY /s/ Warren L. Robinson  
Warren L. Robinson  
Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number	Description of Exhibit
99	Press release issued March 24, 2005