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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): May 12, 2004

The J. M. Smucker Company

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Ohio	1-5111	34-0538550
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)
One Strawberry Lane Orrville, Ohio		44667-0280
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)		(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (330) 682-3000

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

Item 5. Other Events and Regulation FD Disclosure.

The J. M. Smucker Company (NYSE: SJM) has issued a press release announcing that it has entered into an agreement to sell its Australian subsidiary, Henry Jones Foods, Pty. Ltd., to SPC Ardmona Ltd. (ASX:SPC.AX) in an all cash transaction. The press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

Exhibit Number	Exhibit Description	
99.1	Press Release, dated May 11, 20	04

SIGNATURE

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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.

THE J. M. SMUCKER COMPANY

By: /s/ Richard K. Smucker

Richard K. Smucker

President, Co-Chief Executive Officer,

and Chief Financial Officer

Date: May 12, 2004

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