

ESPEED INC  
Form 8-K  
December 27, 2007

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) December 21, 2007**

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**eSpeed, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State of other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

**0-28191**  
(Commission File Number)

**13-4063515**  
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

**110 East 59<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10022**

(Address of principal executive offices)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code (212) 610-2200**

**N/A**

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

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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 8.01: OTHER EVENTS**

On December 21, 2007, eSpeed, Inc. ( eSpeed ) and 11 other leading financial institutions announced that they will establish a fully-electronic futures exchange. eSpeed, via its direct and indirect wholly-owned subsidiary eSpeed ESX Holdings, L.P., will hold an approximately 25% interest in the exchange s operating limited partnership, ESX Futures, L.P. ( ESX LP ) and its holding company general partner, ESX Futures Holdings, LLC ( ESX LLC ). Assuming eSpeed maintains its present ownership percentage (and subject to certain limited exceptions), it will be entitled to approximately 25% of distributions from each entity. Also holding a minority interest in each entity are affiliates of Bank of America, Barclays Capital, Citadel, Citigroup, Credit Suisse, Deutsche Bank Securities, GETCO, JPMorgan, Merrill Lynch, PEAK6, and The Royal Bank of Scotland.

eSpeed, via its direct and indirect wholly-owned subsidiary eSpeed Technology Services, L.P., will provide software development, software maintenance, customer support, infrastructure, and internal technology services to support the new exchange s electronic trading platform (the Trading Platform ).

On December 21, 2007, ESX LP issued a press release announcing its formation and the anticipated launch of the Trading Platform. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated by reference herein.

**ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS**

Exhibits.

(d) 99.1 ESX Futures, L.P. press release dated December 21, 2007

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report on Form 8-K to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

eSpeed, Inc.

Date: December 26, 2007

By: /s/ Stephen M. Merkel  
Stephen M. Merkel  
Executive Vice President, General Counsel  
and Secretary