

SUN MICROSYSTEMS INC  
Form 8-K  
September 13, 2004

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

Washington, DC 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): September 8, 2004**

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**Sun Microsystems, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**0-15086**  
(Commission File Number)

**94-2805249**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**4150 Network Circle**  
**Santa Clara, California**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**95054-1778**  
(Zip Code)

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(650) 960-1300

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.**

On September 8, 2004, Sun Microsystems, Inc. ( Sun ) entered into a letter agreement and a release and waiver agreement with Mark Tolliver, its former Executive Vice President and Chief Strategy Officer, regarding the termination of his employment with Sun as of September 30, 2004. On that date, Mr. Tolliver will receive a lump sum payment equal to (i) 6 1/2 months of base salary and (ii) 6 1/2 months of COBRA premiums necessary to continue his current Sun medical and dental coverage, grossed up to cover payroll taxes. In addition, 10,000 shares restricted stock previously scheduled to vest on April 12, 2005 were accelerated to be fully vested as of August 31, 2004. Copies of the agreements have been filed with Sun s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004.

**SIGNATURES**

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.

Date: September 13, 2004

**SUN MICROSYSTEMS, INC.**

By: /s/ Michael A. Dillon

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Michael A. Dillon  
Senior Vice President, General Counsel and  
Secretary