SYKES ENTERPRISES INC Form 8-K July 27, 2005

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# 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): July 22, 2005 Sykes Enterprises, Incorporated

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Florida 0-28274 56-1383460

(State or other jurisdiction (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer of incorporation) Identification No.)

400 N. Ashley Drive, Tampa,

Florida 33602

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (813) 274-1000

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- o 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On July 22, 2005, the Company and James T. Holder entered into a new employment agreement, dated July 22, 2005, which superceded Mr. Holder s prior employment agreement, dated April 1, 2003. The material terms and conditions of the new agreement are summarized below.

The employment agreement provides that Mr. Holder will serve as an executive of the Company. Mr. Holder serves as Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary. The agreement has an initial term of one year, and will continue thereafter until terminated by one of the parties. Under the agreement, Mr. Holder s annual base salary is to be not less than \$220,000, retroactive to April 1, 2005, and he is entitled to participate in a performance based bonus program ranging from 0% to 30% of his base salary, and to standard executive fringe benefits.

If the agreement is terminated by the Company for any reason other than death, disability, or cause (as defined in the agreement), or if it is terminated by Mr. Holder for good reason (as defined in the agreement), the Company is required to pay Mr. Holder an amount equal to his weekly base salary for 52 weeks after the termination of the agreement, and Mr. Holder may not compete with the Company during such period in any area in which the Company s clients were conducting business during the term of the agreement. The agreement also provides that if Mr. Holder s employment is terminated by the Company due to his death, disability or cause, or voluntarily by Mr. Holder other than for good reason, then the Company will have no obligation to pay him any salary, bonus or other benefits other than those payable through the date of termination, and Mr. Holder may not compete with the Company for a period of 52 weeks following the termination of his employment. The agreement provides that, after termination of his employment for any reason, whether by the Company or Mr. Holder, Mr. Holder may not solicit the Company s employees for a period of one year after termination of his employment. The agreement contains customary confidentiality provisions.

On July 22, 2005, the Company and William N. Rocktoff entered into a new employment agreement, dated July 22, 2005, which superceded Mr. Rocktoff s prior employment agreement, dated April 1, 2003. The material terms and conditions of the new agreement are summarized below.

The employment agreement provides that Mr. Rocktoff will serve as an executive of the Company. Mr. Rocktoff serves as Vice President and Corporate Controller. The agreement has an initial term of one year, and will continue thereafter until terminated by one of the parties. Under the agreement, Mr. Rocktoff s annual base salary is to be not less than \$189,280, retroactive to April 1, 2005, and he is entitled to participate in a performance based bonus program ranging from 0% to 30% of his base salary, and to standard executive fringe benefits.

If the agreement is terminated by the Company for any reason other than death, disability, or cause (as defined in the agreement), or if it is terminated by Mr. Rocktoff for good reason (as defined in the agreement), the Company is required to pay Mr. Rocktoff an amount equal to his weekly base salary for 52 weeks after the termination of the agreement, and Mr. Rocktoff may not compete with the Company during such period in any area in which the Company s clients were conducting business during the term of the agreement. The agreement also provides that if Mr. Rocktoff s employment is terminated by the Company due to his death, disability or cause, or voluntarily by Mr. Rocktoff other than for good reason, then the Company will have no obligation to pay him any salary, bonus or other benefits other than those payable through the date of termination, and Mr. Rocktoff may

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not compete with the Company for a period of 52 weeks following the termination of his employment. The agreement provides that, after termination of his employment for any reason, whether by the Company or Mr. Rocktoff, Mr. Rocktoff may not solicit the Company s employees for a period of one year after termination of his employment.

The agreement contains customary confidentiality provisions.

Item 1.02. Termination of a Material Definitive Agreement.

See Item 1.01 above.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

Exhibit 99.1 Employment Agreement dated as of July 22, 2005, between Sykes Enterprises, Incorporated and James T. Holder.

Exhibit 99.2 Employment Agreement dated as of July 22, 2005, between Sykes Enterprises, Incorporated and William N. Rocktoff.

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#### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

# SYKES ENTERPRISES, INCORPORATED

By: /s/ W. Michael Kipphut
W. Michael Kipphut
Senior Vice President and Chief
Financial Officer

Date: July 27, 2005