

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):  
December 31, 2003

THE BRINK'S COMPANY  
(Exact Name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Virginia  
(State or other  
jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

1-9148  
(Commission  
File Number)

54-1317776  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

1801 Bayberry Court  
P. O. Box 18100  
Richmond, VA  
(Address of principal  
executive offices)

23226-8100  
(Zip Code)

(804)289-9600  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Item 5. Other Events and Required FD Disclosure

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On December 31, 2003, The Brink's Company issued a press release regarding the closing on the sale of its timber business. A copy of this release is being furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

EXHIBITS

99.1 Press Release dated December 31, 2003 issued by The Brink's Company.

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.

THE BRINK'S COMPANY  
(Registrant)

By /s/ Robert T. Ritter  
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Vice President and Chief  
Financial Officer

Dated: December 31, 2003

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Description  
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PRESS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The Brink's Company Closes Sale of  
Timber Business

RICHMOND, Va., (December 31, 2003) - The Brink's Company (NYSE: BCO) announced today that its subsidiaries have closed on the sale of their timber business to an investment fund managed by The Forestland Group for approximately \$38 million. A substantial portion of the purchase price was placed in an escrow fund that will be released to Brink's, subject to the completion of certain remaining background title work. Most of the escrowed funds are expected to be released to Brink's during the first quarter of 2004.

Rothschild Inc. acted as financial advisor to The Brink's Company in connection with this transaction.

This release contains both historical and forward-looking information. Statements regarding the release of funds from escrow involve forward-looking information, which is subject to known and unknown risks, uncertainties and contingencies that could cause actual results to differ materially from those that are anticipated. Such risks, uncertainties and contingencies, many of which are beyond the control of The Brink's Company and its subsidiaries, include, but are not limited to, the ability to obtain necessary title insurance. The information included in this release is representative only as of the date of this release and The Brink's Company undertakes no obligation to update any information contained in this release.

About The Brink's Company

The Brink's Company (NYSE: BCO) is a global leader in business and security services. The Company's three main businesses are Brink's, Incorporated, the world's premier provider of secure transportation and cash management services; Brink's Home Security, one of the largest and most successful residential alarm companies in North America; and BAX Global, an industry leader in global supply chain management. For more information, please visit The Brink's Company website at [www.brinkscompany.com](http://www.brinkscompany.com), or call toll free 877-275-7488.

About The Forestland Group, LLC

The Forestland Group, LLC, based in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, is a timberland investment management organization that provides timberland investment opportunities for institutional and individual investors. The Forestland Group currently manages approximately 1.2 million acres of timberland in eleven states.

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