

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN ISSUER
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 OF
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the month of March 2005

(Commission File No. 1-14728)

Lan Airlines S.A.
(Translation of registrant's name in English)

Avenida Americo Vespucio Sur 901
Renca,
Santiago, Chile
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Indicate by check mark whether the registrant
files or will file annual reports under
cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F.)

Form 20-F ☒ Form 40-F ☐
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(Indicate by check mark whether the
registrant by furnishing the information
contained in this form is also thereby
furnishing the information to the
Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b)
under the Securities Exchange Act
of 1934.)

Yes ☐ No ☒
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MATERIAL FACT

Santiago, March 11, 2005

Mr. Alejandro Ferreiro Y.
Superintendent of Securities and Insurance
Present
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To whom it may concern:

In compliance with Article 9 and the second paragraph of Article 10 of Law 18,045, I inform you of the material fact that Lan Airlines S.A. is currently in negotiations with the Argentine government and other local airline operators regarding the company's entrance into the passenger and cargo air transport business in Argentina, which could be carried out through the acquisition of an Argentinean airline that is currently without relevant operations. The above referenced acquisition would be made together with local investors and even though the size of the potential investment would not be material, it has been decided to make this information public given the effect it could have on the market.

Sincerely,

/s/ Alejandro de la Fuente
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Alejandro de la Fuente

Vice President of Finance
Lan Airlines S.A.

cc. Bolsa de Comercio de Santiago
Bolsa de Comercio de Valparaiso
Bolsa Electronica

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, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: March 11, 2005

Lan Airlines S.A.

/s/ Alejandro de la Fuente Goic

By: Alejandro de la Fuente Goic
Chief Financial Officer