

CHARLES & COLVARD LTD  
Form 8-K  
December 20, 2004

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**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**

December 20, 2004 (Date of earliest event reported)

Commission file number: 0-23329

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**Charles & Colvard, Ltd.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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North Carolina  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

56-1928817  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

300 Perimeter Park Drive, Suite A  
Morrisville, North Carolina 27560

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(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip code)

(919) 468-0399

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition**

On December 20, 2004, Charles & Colvard, Ltd. issued a press release regarding estimated sales for the three months ended December 31, 2004. A copy of this press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1. Management will host a conference call on Tuesday, December 21, 2004 at 9 a.m. EDT to discuss the fourth quarter 2004 sales guidance as well as business expansion activity now underway. Details on how to participate in the conference call are included in the attached press release.

**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.

Charles & Colvard, Ltd.

By: /s/ James R. Braun

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James R. Braun  
Vice President of Finance and  
Chief Financial Officer

Date: December 20, 2004