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IONICS INC Form 8-K January 24, 2005

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 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): January 24, 2005

IONICS, INCORPORATED (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Massachusetts (State of incorporation)

1-7211 (Commission File Number) 04-(IRS Employe

65 Grove Street, Watertown, MA (Address of principal executive offices)

02472 (Zip Code)

617-926-2500 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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ITEM 7.01 REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

On January 24, 2005, Ionics, Incorporated issued a press release announcing the expiration on January 21, 2005 of the 30-day waiting period under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, as amended, relating to the Company's proposed merger with General Electric Company.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press Release dated January 24, 2005 announcing the expiration on January 21, 2005 of the 30-day waiting period under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, as amended, relating to the Company's proposed merger with General Electric 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.

Date: January 24, 2005 IONICS, INCORPORATED (Registrant)

By: /s/Stephen Korn

Stephen Korn

Vice President and General Counsel

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IONICS, INCORPORATED ANNOUNCES EXPIRATION OF

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HART-SCOTT-RODINO WAITING PERIOD FOR GE TRANSACTION

Watertown, MA, January 24, 2005 . . . Ionics, Incorporated (NYSE-ION) announced today that the 30-day waiting period under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, as amended, relating to the Company's proposed merger with General Electric Company expired on January 21, 2005.

About Ionics, Inc.

Ionics is a global leader in water purification and wastewater treatment. The Company has over 50 years of experience in the design, installation, operation and maintenance of water and wastewater treatment systems and is a leading provider of emergency and long-term water treatment services. More membrane-based desalination systems have been designed and built by Ionics than any other supplier worldwide. Ionics is also a leader in supplying zero-liquid-discharge systems, in providing ultrapure water systems for the power and microelectronics industries, and in the measurement and analysis of water impurities. The Company also supplies Point-of-Use and Point-of-Entry water treatment systems for commercial and residential applications. For more information, visit www.ionics.com.

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