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OCEAN BIO CHEM INC  
Form 8-K  
December 23, 2004

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549  
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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 reportedly): December 23, 2004

OCEAN BIO-CHEM, INC.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

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| Florida<br>(State or Other Jurisdiction<br>of Incorporation) | 2-70197<br>(Commission File Number) | 59-1564329<br>(I.R.S. Employer<br>Identification No.) |
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4041 S.W. 47 Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33314  
(Address of principal executive office Zip Code)

(954) 587-6280  
Registrant's telephone number,  
including area code:

Not Applicable  
(Former name or former address, if changes since last report)

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 4.01 Changes In and Disagreement With Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure

Ocean Bio-Chem, Inc. (the "Company") requested that Berkovits, Lago & Company, LLP (the "Former Accountant") furnish it with a letter addressed to the Securities and Exchange Commission stating whether it agreed with the statements that the Company made in the Form 8-K that it filed on December 16, 2004. The requested letter is attached as Exhibit 16.1 to this amended Form 8-K.

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The Company has retained the services of Levi, Cahlin & Co, Certified Public Accountants ("New Accountants"), effective as of December 23, 2004. The Company did not consult with the New Accountants regarding the application of accounting principles to a specific transaction, either completed or proposed, or the type of audit opinion that might be rendered on the Company's financial statements, and no written or oral advice was provided by the New Accountants that was a factor considered by the Company in reaching a decision as to the accounting, auditing or financial reporting issues.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c ) Exhibits.

16.1 Letter dated December 20, 2004 from Berkovits, Lago & Company, LLP to the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Signatures

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: December 23, 2004

Ocean Bio-Chem, Inc.

/s/ Peter G. Dornau

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Peter G. Dornau  
Chairman of Board of Directors and  
Chief Executive Officer

EXHIBIT 16.1 Letter dated December 20, 2004 from Berkovits, Lago & Company, LLP to the United States Securities and Exchange Commission

BERKOVITS, LAGO & COMPANY, LLP  
Certified Public Accountants and Consultants  
8211 West Broward Boulevard, Suite 340  
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Securities and Exchange Commission  
450 Fifth Street  
Washington, D.C. 20549

Commissioners:

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We have read the comments made by Ocean Bio-Chem, Inc. (copy attached) which we understand will be filed with the Commission, pursuant to Item 4.01 of Form 8-K, as part of the Company's Form 8-K report dated December 16, 2004. We agree with the statements concerning our Firm in such Form 8-K.

Yours truly,

/s/ Berkovits, Lago & Company, LLP

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Berkovits, Lago & Company, LLP