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): October 23, 2003

STERIS Corporation

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Ohio (State or Other Jurisdiction 0-20165 (Commission 34-1482024 (IRS Employer

 $of\ Incorporation)$

File Number)

Identification No.)

5960 Heisley Road, Mentor, Ohio (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

44060-1834 (Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code (440) 354-2600

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(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

ITEM 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition

Attached hereto as Exhibit 99 is a copy of a press release in connection with the fiscal 2004 second quarter results of operation issued by STERIS Corporation on October 23, 2003.

The information contained in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including the exhibit attached hereto, is being furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission and shall not be deemed to be filed for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section. Furthermore, the information contained in this Current Report on Form 8-K shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document filed pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

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.

By: /s/ Laurie Brlas Laurie Brlas Senior Vice President

and Chief Financial Officer

Date: October 23, 2003