# **UNITED STATES**

# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

	WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549	
	FORM 8-K	
	CURRENT REPORT	
	Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of	
Date of Re	the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 eport (Date of earliest event reported): Februa	ary 6, 2004
		TION
INVII	(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)	ATION
ion)	0-25317 (Commission File No.)	33-0373077 (LRS Employer Identification No.)

Delaware (State of Incorporation)

1600 Faraday Avenue, Carlsbad, CA (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

92008 (Zip Code)

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### Not applicable

 $(Former\ name\ or\ former\ address, if\ changed\ since\ last\ report)$ 

#### Item 2. Acquisition or Disposition of Assets.

On February 6, 2004, Invitrogen Corporation (Invitrogen) announced the expiration of the cash tender offer by its wholly-owned subsidiary, Baseball Acquisition Corporation (the Purchaser), for all of the outstanding shares of BioReliance Corporation (BioReliance). According to American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, the depositary for the offer, as of the expiration of the offer at 11:59 p.m., New York City time, on Thursday, February 5, 2004, 8,058,859 BioReliance shares were validly tendered in the offer and not withdrawn, out of approximately 8,433,179 shares then outstanding, or approximately 95.6 percent of all outstanding shares of BioReliance. The merger of the Purchaser with and into BioReliance became effective on February 6, 2004. As a result of the merger, BioReliance, as the surviving corporation in the merger, became a wholly-owned subsidiary of Invitrogen.

Item 7. Financia	l Statements and Exhibits.
(a) Financial State	ements of Businesses Acquired.
The financial stat	ements required by this item will be filed by amendment to this Form 8-K on or prior to April 21, 2004.
(b) Pro Forma Fii	nancial Information.
The pro forma fir	nancial information required by this item will be filed by amendment to this Form 8-K on or prior to April 21, 2004.
(c) Exhibits.	
The following Ex	chibits are filed with this Form 8-K.
Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of December 24, 2003, by and among Invitrogen Corporation, Baseball Acquisition Corporation and BioReliance Corporation (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K of BioReliance Corporation filed on January 5, 2004).

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#### **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.

### **Invitrogen Corporation**

Dated: February 20, 2004 By: /s/ C. Eric Winzer

C. Eric Winzer Chief Financial Officer

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