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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): October 31, 2003

PARKER DRILLING COMPANY

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware 1-7573 73-0618660 ------ (State of Incorporation) (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer

Identification No.)

1401 Enclave Parkway, Suite 600, Houston, Texas 77077 (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (281) 406-2000

(Not Applicable)

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

ITEM 12. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION.

On October 31, 2003, the Registrant issued its press release announcing third quarter 2003 earnings and results of operations. A copy of this press release is attached as Exhibit 99 to this Report on Form 8-K. This information is being furnished pursuant to Item 12 of Form 8-K and shall not be deemed "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that thereof, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in any such filing.

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: October 31, 2003

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By: /s/ Robert L. Parker Jr.

Robert L. Parker Jr.

President and Chief Executive Officer

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EXHIBIT NO. DESCRIPTION

99 Press Release dated October 31, 2003, issued by the

Registrant, announcing the third quarter 2003 earnings and

results of operations.