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): April 15, 2003

STERIS CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Ohio (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) 0-20165 (Commission File Number) 34-1482024 (IRS Employer 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

Not Applicable

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

ITEM 7. EXHIBITS.

(c) The following exhibit is being furnished herewith:

Exhibit No.	Exhibit Description
99	Press release, dated April 15, 2003, issued by STERIS Corporation

ITEM 9. Regulation FD Disclosure (Information provided under Item 12 Results of Operations and Financial Condition).

The following information is disclosed pursuant to Item 12 Results of Operations and Financial Condition. It is being furnished under Item 9 of this Form 8-K in accordance with interim guidance issued by the SEC in Release No. 33-8216.

The press release referenced above announces the date of the fiscal 2003 fourth quarter and year end earnings release and conference call and that results are expected to exceed previously announced expectations.

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.

STERIS Corporation

By: /s/ LAURIE BRLAS

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Senior Vice President

and Chief Financial Officer

Date: April 15, 2003