

STERIS CORP
Form 8-K
September 15, 2004

UNITED STATES
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) September 15, 2004

STERIS Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its 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

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Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed 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))
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ITEM 8.01 Other Events

On September 15, 2004, STERIS Corporation announced that it has acquired all the outstanding shares of Albert Browne Limited, a privately-held manufacturer of chemical indicators based in the United Kingdom. This acquisition fits STERIS's strategic goal of expanding the Company's offering of consumable products used with its broad line of capital equipment for infection control and decontamination.

On September 15, 2004, STERIS issued a press release announcing this acquisition. The press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

ITEM 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

| <u>Exhibit No.</u> | <u>Description</u> |
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| 99.1 | Press release issued by the Company on September 15, 2004 relating to the acquisition of Albert Browne Limited |

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/ Mark D. McGinley

Mark D. McGinley

Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

Dated: September 15, 2004

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