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FORM 11-K

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ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED **DECEMBER 31, 2003**

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
FOR THE TRANSITION PERIOD FROM ____ TO ____

Commission File No. 0-18335

TETRA Technologies, Inc. 401(k) Retirement Plan

(Full Title of the Plan)

TETRA Technologies, Inc.

(Name and issuer of the securities

held pursuant to the plan)

25025 Interstate 45 North, Suite 600

The Woodlands, Texas 77380

(Address of Principal Executive Offices and Zip Code)

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Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

Administrator of the TETRA Technologies, Inc. 401(k) Retirement Plan

We have audited the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits of the TETRA Technologies, Inc. 401(k) Retirement Plan as of December 31, 2003 and 2002, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2003. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Plan's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Plan at December 31, 2003 and 2002, and the changes in its net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2003, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audits were performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole. The accompanying supplemental schedules of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2003, and reportable transactions and delinquent participant contributions for the year then ended, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. These supplemental schedules are the responsibility of the Plan's management. The supplemental schedules have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audits of the financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

The information presented in the schedule of assets (held at end of year) and schedule of reportable transactions does not disclose the historical cost or the related gain/loss of nonparticipant directed assets and nonparticipant directed sales transactions. Disclosure of this information is required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

Houston, Texas

June 15, 2004

TETRA Technologies, Inc. 401(k) Retirement Plan

Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

	2003	December 31,	2002
Assets			
Cash	\$465		\$
Receivables:			
Employer contributions	39,471		71,964
Participant contributions	104,786		180,445
Accrued income	8,067		11,197
Trades pending settlement	99,459		
Total receivables	251,783		263,606
Investments	29,599,735		20,960,631
Total assets	29,851,983		21,224,237
Liabilities			
Excess contributions refund payable	4,668		
Administrative expenses payable	3,950		3,575
Other payable	2,543		
Cash overdraft	61,326		
Total liabilities	72,487		3,575
Net assets available for benefits	\$29,779,496		\$21,220,662

See Accompanying Notes

TETRA Technologies, Inc. 401(k) Retirement Plan

Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

	Year Ended December 31, 2003
Additions:	
Employer contributions	\$1,069,491
Participant contributions	2,789,455
Rollover contributions	222,785
Interest and dividends	302,575
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	6,870,154
Total additions	11,254,460
Deductions:	
Benefits paid to participants	2,664,991
Administrative expenses	25,967
Corrective distributions	4,668
Total deductions	2,695,626
Net increase	8,558,834
Net assets available for benefits:	
Beginning of year	21,220,662
End of year	\$29,779,496

See Accompanying Notes

TETRA Technologies, Inc. 401(k) Retirement Plan

Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2003

1. Description of Plan

The following description of the TETRA Technologies, Inc. 401(k) Retirement Plan (the "Plan") is provided for general information only. Participants should refer to the Summary Plan Description for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions, a copy of which is available from TETRA Technologies, Inc. (the "Company" or "Plan Administrator").

General

The Plan, which became effective January 1, 1990, is a profit sharing plan as defined by Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC") and contains a provision for salary reduction contributions under Section 401(k) of the IRC. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"). Effective January 1, 2002, the Plan was amended to adopt the Master Plan Document established and maintained by ABN AMRO Trust Services Company (the "Trustee") on behalf of its clients.

Eligibility

All employees (other than collectively bargained and nonresident aliens) of the Company and its subsidiaries who have attained age 18 are eligible to join the Plan beginning on the first day of any calendar quarter following six months of service.

Contributions

Effective January 1, 2002, the Plan was amended for the purpose of increasing the maximum elective contribution limit from 22% of compensation to 70% of compensation. Contributions for each participant are limited in any calendar year to annual "regular" and "catch-up" contribution limits as determined by IRC regulations. Unless the employee elects otherwise, 3% of each eligible employee's compensation is automatically contributed to the Plan on a pre-tax basis.

Under the Plan, the Company may contribute an amount equal to a matching percentage of the participant's contribution. During 2003, the Company matched 50% of each participant's contributions up to 6% of compensation. The Company may also, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, make a profit sharing contribution to the Plan at the end of each fiscal year. Such Company contribution will be allocated to Plan participants in the same ratio that each participant's compensation, as defined in the Plan agreement, bears to the total compensation of all participants. No profit sharing contribution was made for the 2003 Plan year.

1. Description of the Plan (continued)

Participants have the right to direct the investment of their contributions into any of the investment funds offered by the Plan. The Company's matching contributions are invested in the TETRA Stock Fund. On or after January 1 of each year, any participant who has become fully vested in their employer matching contribution account during the prior year, at the participant's direction, is allowed to re-direct their investment in the TETRA Stock Fund from the matching contribution account to any other fund option offered by the Plan.

Vesting

Participants are immediately vested in their contributions plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting in the Company contribution portion of their accounts plus actual earnings thereon is based on years of continuous service. A participant is 100% vested after five years of credited service.

Benefit Payments

Upon separation from service for any reason other than death, disability, or normal retirement, a participant's vested balance is immediately payable in a lump sum or installments. Upon a participant's death, disability, or normal retirement, the entire balance in the participant's account is payable to the participant or, in the case of death, to the participant's named beneficiary, in a lump sum or installments. Under the Plan, amounts which are forfeited due to termination of employment reduce the Plan's ordinary and necessary administrative expenses for the Plan year, and then are allocated to reduce the Company's matching contributions. Cumulative forfeitures as of December 31, 2003 and 2002 were approximately \$825,000 and \$620,000, respectively.

Plan Termination

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants will become 100% vested in their accounts.

Participant Loans

Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of \$1,000, up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their vested account balances. Loan terms range from 1 to 5 years, or up to 15 years for the purchase of a primary residence. The loans are secured by the balances in the participants' accounts and bear interest at rates commensurate with local prevailing rates as determined quarterly. Principal and interest are paid ratably through payroll deductions.

2. Summary of Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The accompanying financial statements of the Plan have been prepared using the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Benefit payments to participants are recorded upon distribution.

Administrative Expenses

Certain administrative expenses are paid by the Company.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes and schedules. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Investment Valuation

The fair value of investments in mutual funds and common stock is based on quoted market prices on the last business day of the Plan year. The fair value of the investment in the ABN AMRO Income Plus Fund is valued by ABN AMRO Trust Services Company based on the fair value of the underlying investment contracts. Participant loans and short term investments are stated at cost, which approximates fair value.

3. Investments

Individual investments that represent 5% or more of the Plan's net assets at either December 31, 2003 or 2002 are as follows:

	December 31,	
	2003	2002
TETRA Technologies, Inc. common stock	\$8,459,421*	\$6,767,174*
ABN AMRO Income Plus Fund	4,766,391	4,055,939
Scudder Flag Investors Equity Partners Income Fund	2,829,678	1,897,187
ABN AMRO/Montag & Caldwell Growth Fund	2,657,739	1,811,059
Dodge & Cox Balanced Fund	1,746,741	895,220
PIMCO Total Return Fund	1,675,092	1,232,708

*Includes both participant and nonparticipant directed

During 2003, the Plan's investments (including investments bought, sold, and held during the year) appreciated in value as follows:

Collective trust fund	\$179,950
Mutual funds	2,339,050
Common stock	4,351,154
	\$6,870,154

The plan provides for investments in various investment securities, which in general, are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, credit, and overall market volatility risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits and participant account balances.

4. Nonparticipant Directed Investments

The TETRA Stock Fund includes both participant and nonparticipant directed amounts which cannot be separately determined. Therefore, for purposes of this disclosure, the TETRA Stock Fund is deemed nonparticipant directed. Information about the net assets and the significant components of the changes in net assets relating to the TETRA Stock Fund is as follows:

4. Nonparticipant Directed Investments (continued)

	December 31,	
	2003	2002
TETRA Technologies, Inc. common stock	\$8,459,421	\$6,767,174
Receivable for securities sold	99,459	
Employer contribution receivable	33,395	71,964
Accrued income	3	34
ABN AMRO/Chicago Capital Money Market Fund		29,882
Cash overdraft	(61,326)	
	\$8,530,952	\$6,869,054

**Year Ended December
31, 2003**

Changes in net assets:	
Employer contributions	\$965,329
Participant contributions	281,057
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	4,351,154
Benefits paid to participants	(753,933)
Administrative expenses	(6,748)
Interfund transfers	(3,174,961)
	\$1,661,898

5. Income Tax Status

The underlying non-standardized prototype plan has received an opinion letter from the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") dated August 30, 2001 stating that the form of the Plan is qualified under Section 401(a) of the IRC, and therefore, the related trust is tax exempt. In accordance with Revenue Procedure 2002-6 and Announcement 2001-77, the Plan Administrator has determined that it is eligible to and has chosen to rely on the current IRS prototype plan opinion letter. Once qualified, the Plan is required to operate in conformity with the IRC to maintain its qualification. The Plan Administrator has indicated that it will take the necessary steps, if any, to bring the Plan's operations into compliance with the IRC.

Supplemental Schedules

TETRA Technologies, Inc. 401(k) Retirement Plan

Schedule H, Line 4(a) - Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions

EIN:74-2148293 PN: 001

Year Ended December 31, 2003

Participant Contributions Transferred Late to Plan	Total that Constitute Nonexempt Prohibited Transactions
\$106,209 *	\$106,209 *

* The interest was repaid to the Plan on September 9, 2003.

TETRA Technologies, Inc. 401(k) Retirement Plan

Schedule H, Line 4(i) - Schedule of Assets (Held At End of Year)

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Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party	December 31, 2003		Current Value
	Description of Investment	Cost	
* ABN AMRO Trust Services Co.	ABN AMRO Income Plus Fund	**	\$4,766,391
PIMCO	Total Return Fund	**	1,675,092
* ABN AMRO/Montag & Caldwell	Balanced Fund	**	668,917
Scudder Flag Investors	Equity Partners Income Fund	**	2,829,678
* ABN AMRO/Montag & Caldwell	Growth Fund	**	2,657,739
American Funds	Euro-Pacific International Fund	**	1,385,943
Dodge & Cox	Balanced Fund	**	1,746,741
Lord Abbett	Mid Cap Value Fund	**	401,776
Dreyfus	Mid Cap Index Fund	**	320,891
Artisan Funds	Mid Cap Growth Fund	**	1,439,399
Royce	Total Return Fund	**	473,591
Scudder Investments	Small Cap Growth Fund	**	1,039,923
* TETRA Technologies, Inc.	TETRA Technologies, Inc. common stock	(A)	8,459,421
* Participant loans	Loans with various maturities and interest rates ranging from 4.75% to 10.5% per annum	**	1,734,233
			\$29,599,735

* Party-in-interest

** Participant directed amounts are not required to be disclosed

(A) Cost not available

TETRA Technologies, Inc. 401(k) Retirement Plan

Schedule H, Line 4(j) - Schedule of Reportable Transactions

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Year Ended December 31, 2003

Description of Asset	Purchase Price	Selling Price	Cost of Asset	Current Value of Asset on Transaction Date	Net Gain or (Loss)
<i>Category (iii) - Series of nonparticipant and participant directed transactions in excess of 5% of Plan assets at the beginning of the plan year for common stock.</i>					
TETRA Technologies, Inc.	TETRA Technologies, Inc. common stock				
	Purchases	\$1,408,836	\$	\$1,408,836	\$
	Sales		4,030,228	(A) 4,030,228	(A)
ABN AMRO Trust Services Co.	ABN AMRO/Chicago Capital Money Market Fund				
	Purchases	\$354,164	\$	\$354,164	\$
	Sales		365,705	365,705	

Note: Includes both participant and nonparticipant directed transactions since trustee does not segregate these transactions.

(A) Cost and net gain or loss is not available.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the undersigned, as administrator of the TETRA Technologies, Inc. 401(k) Retirement Plan has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

TETRA Technologies, Inc.

By: /s/Geoffrey M. Hertel

Geoffrey M. Hertel

President & Chief Executive Officer

Date: June 28, 2004

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number	Description
23.1	Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statement (Form S-8 No. 33-41337 and 333-04284) pertaining to the TETRA Technologies, Inc. 401(k) Retirement Plan of our report dated June 15, 2004, with respect to the financial statements and schedules of the TETRA Technologies, Inc. 401(k) Retirement Plan included in this Annual Report (Form 11-K) for the year ended December 31, 2003.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

Houston, Texas

June 21, 2004
