

STERIS CORP  
Form 8-K  
December 17, 2003

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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

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## 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): December 17, 2003

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## STERIS CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Ohio  
(State or Other)

Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

1-14643  
(Commission)

File Number)

34-1482024  
(IRS Employer)

Identification No.)

5960 Heisley Road, Mentor, Ohio  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

44060-1834  
(Zip Code)

Registrants telephone number, including area code: (440) 354-2600

Not Applicable

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

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**Item 5. Other Events.**

On December 17, 2003, STERIS Corporation (the Company ) announced that it has issued \$100 million of notes in a private placement to certain institutional investors in an offering exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act of 1933. Pursuant to Rule 135c of the Securities Act, the Company is filing with this Current Report on Form 8-K the press release attached hereto as Exhibit 99.

The Company issued \$100 million of notes to certain institutional investors in an offering exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act of 1933. The Company intends to use the proceeds to repay outstanding bank debt in order to enable the Company to continue to invest in technology and for possible acquisitions.

The notes have not been registered under the Securities Act of 1933 and may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration or an applicable exemption from registration requirements. This statement shall not constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy such notes and is issued pursuant to Rule 135c under the Securities Act of 1933.

**Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c.) Exhibits

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
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