

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 |

EXHIBIT INDEX

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