SEARS ROEBUCK & CO Form 8-K January 17, 2002

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): January 17, 2002

SEARS, ROEBUCK AND CO.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

New York

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

36-1750680

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

1-416

(Commission File Number)

3333 Beverly Road,

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Hoffman Estates, Illinois

(Zip Code)

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (847) 286-2500

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report): Not Applicable

Item 5. Other Events.

On January 17, 2002, the Registrant issued the press release attached hereto as Exhibit 99.

Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits.

The Exhibit Index is incorporated herein by reference.

SIGNATURES

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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 thereunto duly authorized.

SEARS, ROEBUCK AND CO.

By:

/s/Glenn R. Richter

Glenn R. Richter Vice President and Controller

Date: January 17, 2002

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.

99. Sears, Roebuck and Co. press release dated January 17, 2002