

SEARS ROEBUCK & CO  
Form 8-K  
October 18, 2002

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 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): October 17, 2002

SEARS, ROEBUCK AND CO.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

New York  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

1-416  
(Commission File Number)

36-1750680  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

3333 Beverly Road,  
Hoffman Estates, Illinois  
(Address of principal executive offices)

60179  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (847) 286-2500  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report): Not Applicable

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Item 5. Other Events.

On October 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 on page E-1 is incorporated herein by reference.

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## 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 thereunto duly authorized.

SEARS, ROEBUCK AND CO.

By: /s/ Thomas E. Bergmann  
Thomas E. Bergmann  
Vice President and Controller

Date: October 18, 2002

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## EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.

99 Press release dated October 17, 2002.

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