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SIMPSON MANUFACTURING CO INC /CA/ Form 8-K March 16, 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): March 15, 2004

Simpson Manufacturing Co., Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

0-23804

(Commission file number)

94-3196943

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

4120 Dublin Boulevard, Suite 400, Dublin, CA 94568

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code): (925) 560-9000

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Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure.

Simpson Manufacturing Co., Inc. disclosed today that it and its subsidiaries paid in 2003 to PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP approximately \$221,000 for tax compliance services and \$222,000 for tax consulting services, the total of which was reported on page 17 of its 2004 proxy statement under the heading *Audit and Related Fees* and the subheading *Tax Fees*.

Simpson Manufacturing Co., Inc., headquartered in Dublin, California, through its subsidiary, Simpson Strong-Tie Company Inc., designs, engineers and is a leading manufacturer of wood-to-wood, wood-to-concrete and wood-to-masonry connectors and pre-fabricated shearwalls. Simpson Strong-Tie also offers a full line of adhesives, mechanical anchors and powder actuated tools for concrete, masonry and steel. The Company s other subsidiary, Simpson Dura-Vent Company, Inc., designs, engineers and manufactures venting systems for gas and wood burning appliances. The Company s common stock trades on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol SSD.

For further information, contact Barclay Simpson at (925) 560-9032.

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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 hereunto duly authorized.

Simpson Manufacturing Co., Inc.

(Registrant)

DATE: March 16, 2004

By /s/Michael J. Herbert

Michael J. Herbert

Chief Financial Officer

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