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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

October 22, 2003

(Date of earliest event reported)

NUANCE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

000-30203 (Commission File Number)

94-3208477 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

94025

(Zip Code)

1005 Hamilton Court, Menlo Park, California

(Address of principal executive offices)

(650) 847-0000

Not Applicable

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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ITEM 7: FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(c) Exhibits:

Exhibit No.

Exhibit Description

99.1

Press release issued by the Registrant, dated as of October 22, 2003*

ITEM 12: RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

On October 22, 2003, Nuance issued a press release announcing its financial results for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2003. A copy of the earnings release is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

Nuance s attached press release and Consolidated Statements of Operations present non-GAAP (Generally Accepted Accounting Principles) net loss excluding special items and net loss per share (basic and diluted) excluding special items in addition to the presentation of such results in accordance with GAAP. The special items include non-cash compensation expense and restructuring charges (credits). These special items are not necessarily representative of Nuance s core operations and Nuance management believes that presentation of these non-GAAP financial measures provides useful information to investors regarding the impact of the special items on Nuance s net loss and net loss per share. Nuance management also uses non-GAAP measurements in certain internal management analyses as the resulting metrics provide useful information regarding the company s core operations.

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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.

Date: October 22, 2003

Nuance Communications, Inc. (Registrant)

/s/ Karen Blasing

Karen Blasing Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

SIGNATURES 2

^{*} Furnished and not filed herewith, solely pursuant to Item 12.

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