

THORATEC CORP
Form 8-K
May 26, 2011

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): **May 25, 2011**

THORATEC CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

California
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

000-49798
(Commission
File Number)

94-2340464
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

6035 Stoneridge Drive

Pleasanton, California 94588

(Address of principal executive offices including zip code)

(925) 847-8600

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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

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

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Item 5.07. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.

At the Thoratec Corporation (the Company) Annual Meeting of Shareholders held on May 25, 2011 (the Annual Meeting), the shareholders of the Company voted on the following four proposals, each of which are described in detail in the Company's definitive proxy statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 11, 2011.

Proposal No. 1: To elect eight directors to serve for the ensuing year or until their successors are elected and qualified:

| | For | Number of Votes Withheld | Non Votes |
|--------------------|------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| Gerhard F. Burbach | 46,672,109 | 749,205 | 4,351,536 |
| J. Daniel Cole | 46,504,614 | 916,700 | 4,351,536 |
| Steven H. Collis | 46,742,985 | 678,329 | 4,351,536 |
| Neil F. Dimick | 39,439,869 | 7,981,445 | 4,351,536 |
| Elisha W. Finney | 46,771,791 | 649,523 | 4,351,536 |
| D. Keith Grossman | 46,509,259 | 912,055 | 4,351,536 |
| Paul A. LaViolette | 46,726,648 | 694,666 | 4,351,536 |
| Daniel M. Mulvena | 46,505,263 | 916,051 | 4,351,536 |

Proposal No. 2: To conduct an advisory vote on the compensation of the Company's named executive officers:

| | Number of Votes |
|-----------|------------------------|
| For | 41,606,442 |
| Against | 4,086,765 |
| Abstain | 1,728,107 |
| Non Votes | 4,351,536 |

Proposal No. 3: To conduct an advisory vote on the frequency of the advisory vote on the compensation of the Company's named executive officers:

| | Number of Votes |
|-------------|------------------------|
| Three Years | 15,656,679 |
| Two Years | 157,211 |
| One Year | 29,881,889 |
| Abstain | 1,725,440 |
| Non Votes | 4,351,536 |

Proposal No. 4: Ratification of the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as the Company's independent auditors for its fiscal year ending December 31, 2011:

Number of Votes

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| | |
|---------|------------|
| For | 51,312,654 |
| Against | 442,385 |
| Abstain | 17,811 |

In accordance with the shareholders vote in favor of an advisory vote to occur every year, the Company has decided to hold an advisory vote on the compensation of the Company's named executive officers every year, until the next required vote on the frequency of the shareholder vote on the compensation of named executive officers.

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.

Dated as of May 26, 2011

THORATEC CORPORATION

By: */s/ Gerhard F. Burbach*
Gerhard F. Burbach
President and Chief Executive Officer