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KEY TECHNOLOGY INC  
Form 8-K  
December 23, 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): December 20, 2002

KEY TECHNOLOGY, INC.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

OREGON  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

0-21820

(Commission File Number)

93-0822509  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

150 Avery Street  
Walla Walla, Washington 99362  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(509) 529-2161  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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Item 5. Other Events and Regulation FD Disclosure.

On December 20, 2002, Key Technology, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing the appointment of a new Chief Financial Officer. A copy of the press release issued in connection with this announcement is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

| Exhibit No. | Description  |
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| 99.1        | Key Technology, Inc. Press Release, dated December |

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this current report on Form 8-K to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

KEY TECHNOLOGY, INC.

/s/ THOMAS C. MADSEN

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Thomas C. Madsen,  
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Dated: December 20, 2002

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