

AGILENT TECHNOLOGIES INC
Form 8-K
February 17, 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 and Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) February 17, 2004

AGILENT TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

001-15405
(Commission File Number)

77-0518772
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

395 Page Mill Road, Palo Alto, California 94306

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (650) 752-5000

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition

The information in this Form 8-K and the Exhibit attached hereto is furnished and shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

On February 17, 2004, Agilent Technologies, Inc. (the Company) issued its press release announcing financial results for the three months ended January 31, 2004. A copy of this press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

We provide non-GAAP financial information in order to provide meaningful supplemental information regarding our operational performance and to enhance our investors' overall understanding of our core current financial performance and our prospects for the future. We believe that our investors benefit from seeing our results through the eyes of management in addition to the GAAP presentation. Management measures segment and enterprise performance using measures such as those that are disclosed in this release. This information facilitates management's internal comparisons to the company's historical operating results and comparisons to competitors' operating results. Non-GAAP information allows for greater transparency to supplemental information used by management in its financial and operational decision making. Historically, we have reported similar non-GAAP information to our investors and believe that the inclusion of comparative numbers provides consistency in our financial reporting.

This information is not in accordance with, or an alternative for, generally accepted accounting principles in the United States. It excludes items, such as restructuring and amortization, that may have a material effect on the company's earnings and earnings per share calculated in accordance with GAAP. Management monitors these items to ensure that expenses are in line with expectations and that our GAAP results are correctly stated but does not use them to measure the ongoing operating performance of the company. The non-GAAP information we provide may be different from the non-GAAP information provided by other companies.

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.

AGILENT TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

By: /s/ MARIE OH HUBER

Name: Marie Oh Huber

Title: Vice President, Assistant Secretary and

Assistant General Counsel

Date: February 17, 2004

EXHIBIT INDEX

| <u>Exhibit No.</u> | <u>Description</u> |
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| 99.1 | Press Release of the Company dated February 17, 2004 announcing financial results for the three months ended January 31, 2004. |