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) January 26, 2005

STERIS Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Ohio (State or other jurisdiction

1-14643 (Commission File Number) 34-1482024 (IRS Employer

of incorporation)

Identification No.)

5960 Heisley Road, Mentor, Ohio (Address of principal executive offices)

44060-1834 (Zip Code)

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Not Applicable

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

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ITEM 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On January 26, 2005, STERIS Corporation issued a press release announcing financial results for the three and nine month periods ended December 31, 2004. A copy of this press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

The information contained in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including the exhibit attached hereto, is being furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission and shall not be deemed to be filed for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section. Furthermore, the information contained in this Current Report on Form 8-K shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document filed pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

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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.

STERIS CORPORATION

By: /s/ Laurie Brlas

Laurie Brlas

Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Dated: January 26, 2005

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number Exhibit Description

99.1 Press Release issued by STERIS Corporation on January 26, 2005 regarding its results of operations and financial condition for its third quarter ended December 31, 2004

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