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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) August 3, 2004

ONEIDA LTD. (Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

NEW YORK 1-5452 15-0405700

(State or other jurisdiction (Commission of incorporation) File Number) Identification Number)

163-181 KENWOOD AVENUE, ONEIDA, NEW YORK 13421

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (315) 361-3000

Item 4. Changes in Registrant's Certifying Public Accountant.

Former name or former address, if changed since last report N/A

(a) Previous Independent Accountant.

As previously announced by Oneida Ltd. (the "Company"), PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP notified the Company on May 6, 2004 that it declined

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to stand for re-election as the Company's independent accountant.

(b) New Independent Accountant.

On July 7, 2004, the Audit Committee of the Company's Board of Directors approved the appointment of the accounting firm of BDO Seidman, LLP as the Company's independent accountants for the fiscal year ended January 29, 2005, subject to the favorable completion of BDO Seidman, LLP's internal approval process. On August 3, 2004 BDO Seidman, LLP informed the Company that it had completed its internal approval process and accepts the appointment as the Company's independent accountants for the Company fiscal year ended January 29, 2005. The Company has had no consultations with BDO Seidman, LLP at any time during the Company's two most recent fiscal years or any subsequent interim period prior the engagement of BDO Seidman, LLP.

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.

ONEIDA LTD.

By: /s/ PETER J. KALLET

Peter J. Kallet Chairman of the Board, President And Chief Executive Officer

Dated: August 6, 2004