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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15 (d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report: February 5, 2004

ESSEX CORPORATION (Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Commission File No. 0-10772

Virginia (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

54-0846569 (IRS Employer ID No.)

9150 Guilford Road Columbia, Maryland (Address of principal executive office)

21046-2306 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (301) 939-7000

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ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

Exhibit 99 Press Release of the Corporation dated February 5, 2004.

ITEM 12. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION.

On February 5, 2004, Essex Corporation announced via press release the Corporation's preliminary revenue results for the fourth quarter 2003 and updated earlier guidance for full year 2003. The Company also announced plans to release its audited fourth quarter and full year 2003 financial results after market close on March 9, 2004 with a conference call to follow on March 10th at 10:30 a.m. A copy of the Corporation's press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99. This Form 8-K, the information contained herein, and the attached exhibit are furnished under Item 12 of Form 8-K and are furnished to, but not

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filed with, the Securities and Exchange Commission. The information contained herein and in the accompanying exhibit shall not be incorporated by reference to any filing of the Corporation, whether made before or after the date hereof, regardless of any general incorporation language in such filing, unless expressly incorporated by specific reference to such filing.

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.

ESSEX CORPORATION

/S/ JOSEPH R. KURRY, JR.

DATE: February 9, 2004 Joseph R. Kurry, Jr.

Sr. Vice President, Treasurer and

Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit

NUMBER DESCRIPTION

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