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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)

November 29, 2001

Halliburton Company
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

State or other
jurisdiction
of incorporation

Commission
File Number

IRS Employer
Identification
Number

Delaware

1-3492

No. 75-2677995

3600 Lincoln Plaza
500 North Akard Street
Dallas, Texas 75201-3391
(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number,
including area code - 214/978-2600

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INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN REPORT

Item 5. Other Events

The registrant may, at its option, report under this item any events, with respect to which information is not otherwise called for by this form, that the registrant deems of importance to security holders.

Halliburton Company announced that on November 29, 2001, a Texas district court in Orange, Texas entered a judgment against its subsidiary, Dresser Industries, Inc., on a \$65 million jury verdict rendered in September 2001 in favor of five plaintiffs following a trial of several weeks. Dresser believes that the trial court committed numerous errors, including the application of Alabama law and its evidentiary rulings during the trial. Additionally, the trial court denied Dresser the right to present evidence that the alleged illnesses of the plaintiffs were not caused by Dresser products, but instead could have been caused by the products of other companies which had previously settled with the plaintiffs. Dresser intends to appeal this judgement and believes that the trial evidence did not support the verdict and that its legal

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defenses will result in judgment on appeal in Dresser's favor.

The same district court also entered three additional judgments against Dresser in the aggregate amount of \$35.7 million in favor of 100 other asbestos plaintiffs. These judgments related to an alleged breach of purported settlement agreements signed earlier this year by a New Orleans lawyer hired by Harbison-Walker Refractories Company, which had been defending Dresser pursuant to the agreement by which Harbison-Walker was spun-off by Dresser in 1992. These settlement agreements purportedly bind Harbison-Walker Refractories Company as the obligated party, not Dresser. Dresser intends to appeal these three judgements on the grounds that it was not a party to the settlement agreements and it did not authorize anyone to settle on its behalf. Dresser believes that these judgments are contrary to applicable law and that its appeal will be successful.

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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.

HALLIBURTON COMPANY

Date: December 3, 2001

By: /s/ Susan S. Keith

Susan S. Keith
Vice President and Secretary

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