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Form NT 10-Q  
May 15, 2003

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 12b-25

NOTIFICATION OF LATE FILING (Check One):  Form 10-K  Form 20-F  Form 11-K  Form 10-Q  Form N-SAR

For Period Ended: March 31, 2003

Transition Report on Form 10-K

SEC FILE NUMBER

Transition Report on Form 20-F

000-23115

Transition Report on Form 11-K

Transition Report on Form 10-Q

CUSIP NUMBER

Transition Report on Form N-SAR

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For the Transition Period Ended:

Read Instruction (on back page) Before Preparing Form. Please Print or Type.

Nothing in this form shall be construed to imply that the Commission has verified any information contained herein.

If the notification relates to a portion of the filing checked above, identify the Item(s) to which the notification relates:

PART I - REGISTRANT INFORMATION

CTI INDUSTRIES CORPORATION

Full Name of Registrant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Former Name if Applicable

22160 North Pepper Road  
Address of Principal Executive Office (Street and Number)

Barrington, IL 60010  
City, State and Zip Code

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PART II - RULES 12b-25(b) AND (c)

If the subject report could not be filed without unreasonable effort or expense and the registrant seeks relief pursuant to Rule 12b-25(b), the following should be completed. (Check box if appropriate)

(a) The reasons described in reasonable detail in Part III of this form could not be eliminated without unreasonable effort or expense;

(b) The subject annual report, semi-annual report, transition report on Form 10-K, Form 20-F, Form 11-K, Form N-SAR, or portion thereof, will be filed on or before the fifteenth calendar day following the prescribed due date; or the

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subject quarterly report of transition report on Form 10-Q, or portion thereof will be filed on or before the fifth calendar day following the prescribed due date; and

- (c) The accountant's statement or other exhibit required by Rule 12b-25(c) has been attached if applicable.

PART III - NARRATIVE

State below in reasonable detail the reasons why the Form 10-K, 11-K, 10-Q, N-SAR, or the transition report or portion thereof, could not be filed within the prescribed time period. (Attach Extra Sheets if Needed)

In order for the Company to complete the preparation of financial information with its independent auditors, McGladrey & Pullen, LLP, for its fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2003, the Company requires additional time to file its Form 10-Q for such fiscal quarter.

PART IV--OTHER INFORMATION

- (1) Name and telephone number of person to contact in regard to this notification

SCOTT P. SLYKAS                      312                      294-6044
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(Name)                      (Area Code)                      (Telephone Number)

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- (2) Have all other periodic reports required under Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter) period that the registrant was required to file such reports) been filed? If answer is no, identify report(s).

[X] Yes [ ] No

- (3) Is it anticipated that any significant change in results of operations from the corresponding period for the last fiscal year will be reflected by the earnings statements to be included in the subject report or portion thereof?

[X] Yes [ ] No

If so, attach an explanation of the anticipated change, both narratively and quantitatively, and, if appropriate, state the reasons why a reasonable estimate of the results cannot be made.

CTI INDUSTRIES CORPORATION
(Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

has caused this notification to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: May 15, 2003

By: /s/ Howard W. Schwan
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Howard W. Schwan, President

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INSTRUCTION: The form may be signed by an executive officer of the registrant or by any other duly authorized representative. The name and title of the person signing the form shall be typed or printed beneath the signature. If the statement is signed on behalf of the registrant by an authorized representative (other than an executive officer), evidence of the representative's authority to sign on behalf of the registrant shall be filed with the form.

### ATTENTION

Intentional misstatements or omissions of fact constitute Federal Criminal Violations (See 18 U.S.C. 1001).

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The Company expects to report net sales of approximately \$10,000,000 for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2003, as compared to net sales of \$9,738,000 for the quarter ended March 31, 2002. The Company expects to report a loss before taxes and minority interest of approximately \$500,000 for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2003, as compared to a gain before taxes and minority interest of \$641,000 for the quarter ended March 31, 2002. The net loss for the quarter ended March 31, 2003 is expected to be approximately \$500,000 as compared to a net gain of \$370,000 for the quarter ended March 31, 2002.

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