

HILLENBRAND INDUSTRIES INC

Form 8-K

December 23, 2003

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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): December 23, 2003**

**HILLENBRAND INDUSTRIES, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Indiana**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**1-6651**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**35-1160484**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**700 State Route 46 East**  
**Batesville, Indiana**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**47006-8835**  
(Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (812) 934-7000**

**Not Applicable**  
(Former name or former address,  
if changed since last report.)

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**Item 9. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE.**

**Item 12. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION.**

On December 23, 2003, Hillenbrand Industries, Inc. announced its audited fiscal 2003 year-end earnings and revenue results for the fourth quarter and fiscal year ended September 30, 2003. The Company also announced revised earnings and revenue guidance for the first fiscal quarter of 2004. This announcement is more fully described in the press release provided as Exhibit 99 to this Current Report on Form 8-K for reporting under Items 9 and 12. The contents of such Exhibit are incorporated herein by reference.

The revenue and earnings guidance provided under Item 9 shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

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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.

**HILLENBRAND INDUSTRIES, INC.**

DATE: December 23, 2003

BY: /s/ Scott K. Sorensen

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Scott K. Sorensen  
Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

DATE: December 23, 2003

BY: /s/ Gregory N. Miller

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Gregory N. Miller  
Vice President Controller and  
Chief Accounting Officer

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<b><u>Exhibit Number</u></b>	<b><u>Exhibit Description</u></b>
99	Press release dated December 23, 2003 issued by the Company.