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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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**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): April 8, 2003**

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**STERIS CORPORATION**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

**Ohio**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**0-20165**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**34-1482024**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**5960 Heisley Road, Mentor, Ohio**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**44060-1834**  
(Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code (440) 354-2600**

**Not Applicable**  
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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**ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS.**

On April 8, 2003, STERIS Corporation announced that, through a subsidiary, it had acquired Hamo Holding AG headquartered in Pieterlen, Switzerland. Terms of the transaction were not disclosed. The press release announcing this transaction is available on the Company's web site at [www.steris.com](http://www.steris.com).

**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.

**STERIS Corporation**

By: \_\_\_\_\_ /s/ LAURIE BRLAS

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**Laurie Brlas  
Senior Vice President  
and Chief Financial Officer**

Date: April 8, 2003