UNITED STATES 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): June 16, 2004

STERIS Corporation (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its 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)

ITEM 9. Regulation FD Disclosure

Attached hereto as Exhibit 99 is a copy of materials dated June 16, 2004 and prepared with respect to a presentation at the GARP Investors Conference that was made by senior management of STERIS Corporation (the "Company") on June 16, 2004.

The information contained in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including the exhibit attached hereto, is being furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission and shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section. Furthermore, the information contained in this Current Report on Form 8-K shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document filed pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

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/ Mark D. McGinley

Mark D. McGinley

Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

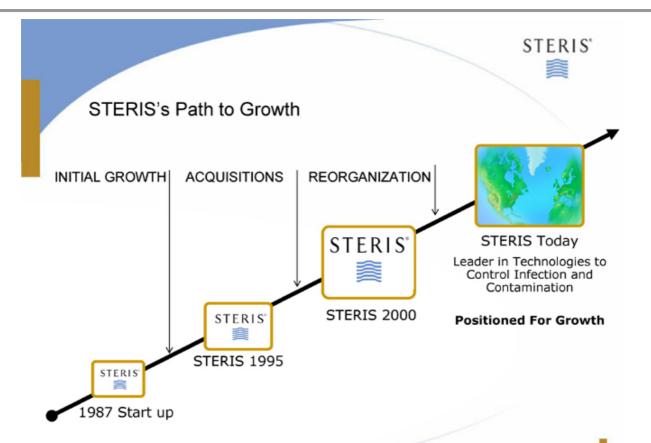
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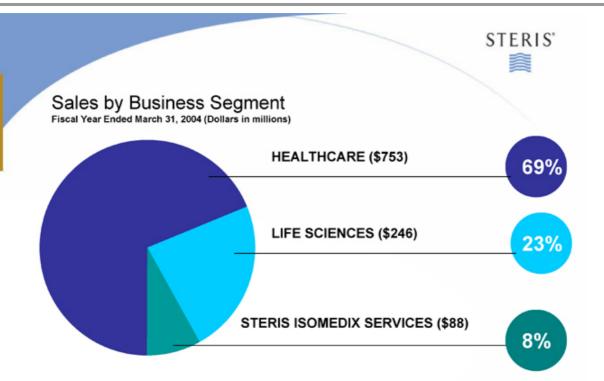




Forward-Looking Statements

Except for historical information discussed, today's presentation includes forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. Investors are cautioned that such statements are only predictions and that actual events or results may differ materially. Some of the factors which could cause actual results to materially differ from those anticipated by the forward-looking statements are set forth in the Company's latest SEC Filings on Forms 10-K and 10-Q and in its earnings release dated April 23, 2004. Further, these forward-looking statements speak only as of this date June 16, 2004. We undertake no obligation to publicly release the results of any revisions to the forward-looking statements made today to reflect events or circumstances after today or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.







Key Industries Served

HEALTHCARE

- > Surgical Support
- > Sterile Processing
- > Applied Infection Control

LIFE SCIENCES

- > Pharmaceutical Production
- > Research
- > Defense and Industrial



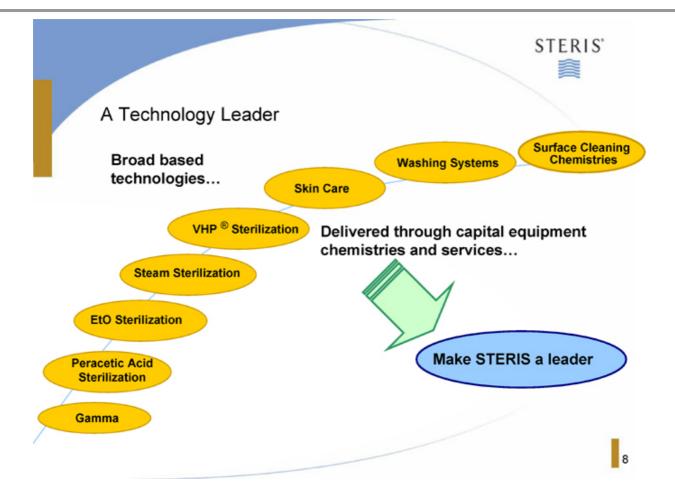
STERIS ISOMEDIX SERVICES (CONTRACT STERILIZATION)





Investment Considerations

- > A technology leader
- > Diversified and recurring revenue stream
- > Strong competitive positions
- > Strong financial and operating platform
- > Improving market dynamics





Diversified and Recurring Revenue Stream

Capital equipment drives...



and Services...











51% of fiscal 2004 revenues were higher margin, recurring consumables and services

STERIS has the unique ability to offer a custom <u>solution</u> for a variety of customers, industries and geographies



Strong Competitive Positions

- Leading supplier of sterilization and surgical support products to U.S. healthcare facilities
- Leading position in contract sterilization for medical technology manufacturers and other industries
- Leading supplier of equipment and chemistries to biopharmaceutical companies for research and production facilities
- STERIS has the broadest range of infection control technologies, products and services in the world
- STERIS has the unique capability to offer custom solutions to a variety of industries



A Strong Financial and Operating Platform

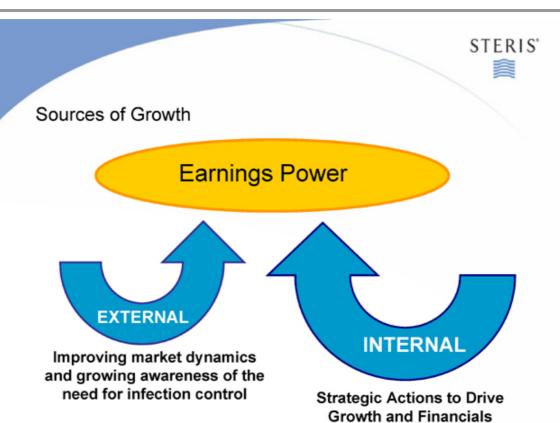
- > Consistent revenue and earnings growth
- > Low level of debt
- > Strong free cash flow
- > Efficient operations



Improving Market Dynamics

- Aging population is driving demand for healthcare services and pharmaceuticals
- Increased spending by hospitals is leading to expansion and upgrading of facilities
- Ongoing investment in drug production is driving manufacturing capacity and research facilities
- > Global awareness of infection control is growing







Our Growth Strategy

Enhance our revenue stream by continuing to diversify by product, service, market and geography

- > Increase recurring revenues
- Leverage our channel
- > Introduce new technologies
- > Adapt our technologies
- > Expand internationally





Increase Recurring Revenues

- > Large revenue opportunity in our own installed base
 - > Capture consumable opportunity
 - > Aggressively grow service
- New capital equipment products will have an associated proprietary consumable
- > Greater penetration of chemistries in Life Sciences



Chemistry in Life Sciences - New One Solution RTU

- Ready-to-Use chemistry designed to replace concentrate chemistries that require dilution and transfer
- > Eliminates processing steps and contamination risk
- > Reduces labor cost
- > Expands STERIS's chemistry offering in Life Sciences



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Leverage Our Channel in Healthcare

- > Presence in every U.S. hospital
- > Sales force of 250 people
- > Service force of 1,000
- > New products, alliances, acquisitions



Introduce New Technologies

- > R&D spending to approximate \$30 million in fiscal 2004
- > Focused new product development effort
- Areas of focus include projects for new industries and new sterilization technologies
 - > VHP® technology advancement into new product uses
 - > Prion Decontamination
 - > Segmented sterile processing offering
 - > Key new products for general infection control and surgical support



New Product - Reliance® Endoscope Processing System

- > Submitted to FDA for 510k Approval
- > Available for sale in Europe
- > Approved for use in Canada
- > Registration pending in Australia
- STERIS' first high level disinfection system for flexible endoscopes in GI Suite
- > Can process two instruments simultaneously
- > Addresses key market needs in GI suite
- > Integrated capital and proprietary consumable





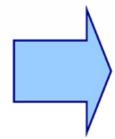
Adapt Our Technologies

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Exploring new applications related to Anthrax contamination

Joint research on defense applications for biological and chemical warfare

Joint research in space applications



FUTURE POSSIBILITIES

Transportation

Hotel and building decontamination

Food and beverage packaging

Medical Device Sterilization



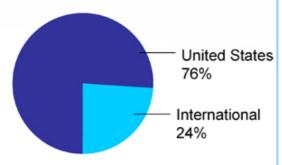
Adapt Our Technologies - Key Application

- Decontamination of State Department building SA32 mail processing facility.
- > Used STERIS proprietary technology, equipment and expertise
- > First validated process for treating anthrax contaminated buildings

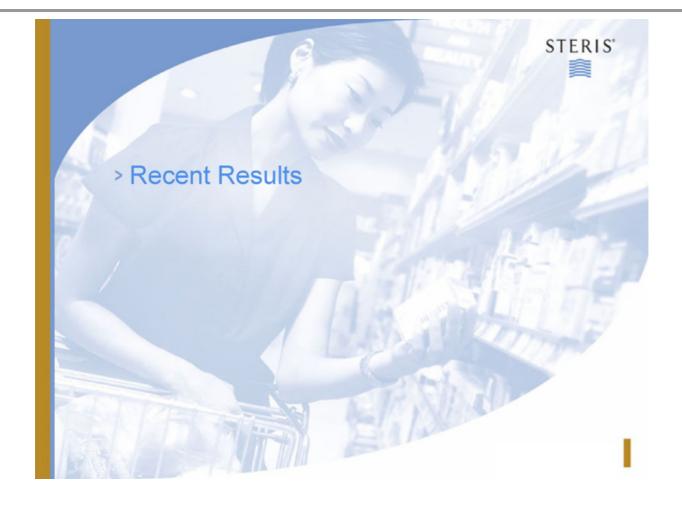


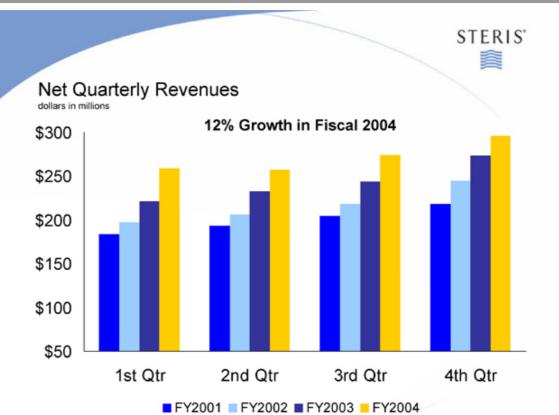
International Expansion Opportunities Fourth Quarter Fiscal 2004

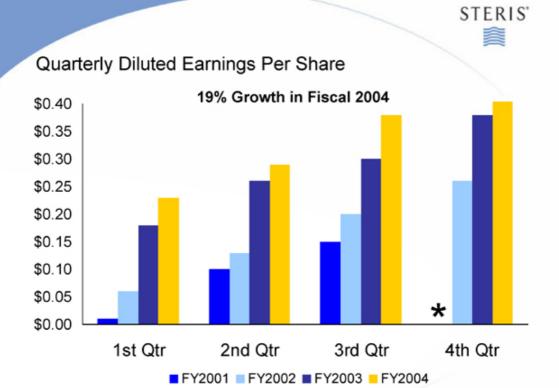
REVENUE MIX BY GEOGRAPHY



- > Market size is equivalent to U.S.
- Focused on key European markets
- > Acquisitions to play strategic
- > Leading-edge technologies







^{*}A charge in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2001 resulted in a loss of \$0.24 per share



Summary

- > A technology leader with strong competitive positions
- > Diversified and recurring revenue stream
- > Improving market dynamics
- > Financial flexibility
- > Bright future