

**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) November 27, 2006

STERIS Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Ohio
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

1-14643
(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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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

ITEM 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.

STERIS issued a press release yesterday announcing that Laurie Brlas, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (and principal accounting officer), is leaving the Company effective December 8, 2006 to pursue the senior financial management role at another Company. Mr. Michael J. Tokich, Vice President and Corporate Controller, assumed responsibility as the Company's principal accounting officer, effective November 27, 2006. Mr. Tokich, age 37, joined the Company in May 2000 as Assistant Corporate Controller and became Corporate Controller in December of 2000. A copy of this press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

ITEM 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

| <u>Exhibit No.</u> | <u>Description</u> |
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**STERIS CORPORATION
NEWS ANNOUNCEMENT
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**STERIS CORPORATION CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
TO PURSUE ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY**

Mentor, Ohio (November 27, 2006) - STERIS Corporation (NYSE: STE) today announced that Laurie Brlas, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, is leaving the Company to pursue the senior financial management role at another company. A search for Ms. Brlas' replacement will begin immediately and she has agreed to remain with STERIS over the coming weeks to ensure an orderly transition in responsibilities.

"Laurie has played an important role in the transformation of STERIS's financial performance since joining the Company in 2000," said Les C. Vinney, STERIS's president and chief executive officer. "We wish her well as she pursues this next step in her career."

Michael J. Tokich, Vice President and Corporate Controller, and William L. Aamoth, Vice President and Corporate Treasurer, will share responsibility for Ms. Brlas' financial management functions until a new chief financial officer is named. Mr. Tokich will assume responsibility as the Company's principal accounting officer.

About STERIS

The mission of STERIS Corporation is to provide a healthier today and safer tomorrow through knowledgeable people and innovative infection prevention, decontamination and health science technologies, products and services. The Company's more than 5,000 dedicated employees around the world work together to supply a broad array of solutions by offering a combination of equipment, consumables and services to healthcare, pharmaceutical, industrial and government customers. The Company is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol STE. For more information, visit www.steris.com.

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