

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

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**  
**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of**  
**the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) October 24, 2007**

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**STERIS Corporation**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**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))
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**ITEM 8.01. Other Events.**

**Quarterly Dividend Authorized**

On October 24, 2007, the Board of Directors of STERIS Corporation authorized the payment of a quarterly dividend in the amount of \$0.06 per share. The dividend is payable December 12, 2007 to shareholders of record at the closing of the stock transfer books on November 14, 2007. A copy of the press release announcing this action is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

**ITEM 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

**(d) Exhibits**

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release issued by STERIS Corporation on October 24, 2007 regarding a Quarterly Dividend.

**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**  
**Senior Vice President, General**  
**Counsel and Secretary**

Date: October 25, 2007

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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**STERIS CORPORATION  
NEWS ANNOUNCEMENT  
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**STERIS CORPORATION DECLARES REGULAR QUARTERLY DIVIDEND**

Mentor, Ohio (October 24, 2007)—STERIS Corporation (NYSE: STE) today announced that its Board of Directors has authorized a regular quarterly dividend in the amount of \$0.06 per common share. The dividend is payable December 12, 2007 to shareholders of record at the close of business on November 14, 2007.

**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](http://www.steris.com).

Contact: Julie Winter, Manager, Investor Relations at 440-392-7245.

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*for new technologies, products or applications, or the Company's business initiatives will take longer, cost more or produce lower benefits than anticipated, (c) the possibility that application of or compliance with laws, court rulings, regulations, certifications or other requirements or standards may delay or prevent new product introductions, affect the production and marketing of existing products, or otherwise affect Company performance, results, or value, (d) the potential of international unrest or effects of fluctuations in currencies, tax assessments or rates, raw material costs, benefit or retirement plan costs, or other regulatory compliance costs, (e) the possibility of reduced demand, or reductions in the rate of growth in demand, for the Company's products and services, and (f) the possibility that anticipated cost savings may not be achieved, or that transition, labor, competition, timing, execution, regulatory, governmental, or other issues or risks associated with the matters described in this release may adversely impact Company performance, results, or value.*