

SYMANTEC CORP
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**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): **December 15, 2004**

SYMANTEC CORPORATION

(Exact name of the Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

000-17781

77-0181864

(Commission
File Number)

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

20330 Stevens Creek Blvd., Cupertino, CA

95014

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip code)

(408) 517-8000

(The Registrant's telephone number)

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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ITEM 8.01: OTHER EVENTS.

On December 16, 2004, Symantec Corporation announced that it has agreed to acquire VERITAS Software Corporation in a stock for stock merger transaction. A copy of the press release issued by Symantec and VERITAS on December 16, 2004 concerning the transaction is filed herewith as Exhibit 99.01 and is incorporated herein by reference. The information required by Item 1.01 will be filed in a separate Current Report on Form 8-K.

Additional Information and Where to Find It

Symantec Corporation and VERITAS Software Corporation intend to file a registration statement on Form S-4 containing a joint proxy statement/prospectus in connection with the merger transaction involving Symantec and VERITAS. **Investors and security holders are urged to read this filing when it becomes available because it will contain important information about the merger transaction.** Investors and security holders may obtain free copies of these documents (when they are available) and other documents filed with the SEC at the SEC's web site at www.sec.gov. In addition, investors and security holders may obtain free copies of the documents filed with the SEC by Symantec by contacting Symantec Investor Relations at 408-517-8239. Investors and security holders may obtain free copies of the documents filed with the SEC by VERITAS by contacting VERITAS Investor Relations at 650-527-4523.

Symantec, VERITAS and their directors and executive officers may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from the stockholders of Symantec and VERITAS in connection with the merger transaction. Information regarding the special interests of these directors and executive officers in the merger transaction will be included in the joint proxy statement/prospectus of Symantec and VERITAS described above. Additional information regarding the directors and executive officers of Symantec is also included in Symantec's proxy statement for its 2004 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, which was filed with the SEC on July 30, 2004. Additional information regarding the directors and executive officers of VERITAS is also included in VERITAS' proxy statement for its 2004 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, which was filed with the SEC on July 21, 2004. These documents are available free of charge at the SEC's web site at www.sec.gov and from Investor Relations at Symantec and VERITAS as described above.

ITEM 9.01: FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibits.

99.01 Joint Press Release of Symantec Corporation and VERITAS Software Corporation, issued on December 16, 2004

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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.

Date: December 16, 2004

SYMANTEC CORPORATION

By: /s/ Arthur F. Courville
Arthur F. Courville
*Senior Vice President, General Counsel
and Secretary*

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<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description of Exhibit</u>
99.01	Joint Press Release of Symantec Corporation and VERITAS Software Corporation, issued on December 16, 2004