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Form 8-K  
December 18, 2002

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 12, 2002

ELITE PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

State or other jurisdiction of incorporation: Delaware

Commission File No.: 333-45241

I.R.S. Employer Identification No.: 22-3542636

Address of principal executive offices 165 Ludlow Avenue  
Northvale, New Jersey 07647

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 201 750-2646

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS

(a) EXPANSION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS; ELECTION OF NEW DIRECTORS

Elite has expanded its Board of Directors from four to seven, and has elected John P. deNuefville, Richard A. Brown and John A. Moore to fill the new positions. The press release issued December 18, 2002 by Elite Pharmaceuticals, Inc. regarding such appointment is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein.

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, PRO FORMA FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(c) Exhibits

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99.1 Press Release of Elite Pharmaceuticals, Inc., dated  
December 18, 2002.

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.

Date: December 18, 2002

ELITE PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

By: /s/ Atul M. Mehta

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Atul M. Mehta  
President

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