

SERVICE CORPORATION INTERNATIONAL
Form 8-K
March 24, 2004

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): March 24, 2004

SERVICE CORPORATION INTERNATIONAL
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

TEXAS (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	1-6402-1 (Commission file number)	74-1488375 (I.R.S. employer iden number)
1929 ALLEN PARKWAY, HOUSTON, TEXAS (Address of principal executive offices)		77019 (Zip code)

Registrant's telephone numbers, including area code - (713) 522-5141

ITEM 2. ACQUISITION OR DISPOSITION OF ASSETS

On March 11, 2004, Service Corporation International (the "Company") completed the sale of its funeral operations in France (hereafter referred to "joint ventured") and then purchased a 25% equity interest in the acquiring company. The joint venture transaction was consummated with an enterprise value of the French business of EUR 300 million. In addition to maintaining a 25% share of the total equity capital of the newly formed entity, the Company received net cash proceeds of EUR 243 million, prior to transaction costs, and a note receivable in the amount of EUR 10 million. The agreement related to the sale is attached as Exhibit 2.1 to this report. The Company currently estimates that it will recognize a pretax gain of between \$10 to \$20 million with respect to this

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transaction during the first quarter of 2004.

The Company will recognize its 25% share of the income or loss of the newly formed entity in accordance with the equity method of accounting beginning in the first quarter of 2004.

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(b) Pro forma Financial Information

The following shows the unaudited pro forma consolidated balance sheet at December 31, 2003 as if the disposition had taken place on that date. This unaudited pro forma consolidated balance sheet should be read in conjunction with the Company's Form 10-K.

SERVICE CORPORATION INTERNATIONAL
UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
DECEMBER 31, 2003
(IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT SHARE AMOUNTS)

	AS REPORTED	FRENCH OPERATIONS	PRO F ADJUST
ASSETS			
Current assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 239,431	\$ --	\$ 29
Receivables, net	233,935	(87,324)	
Inventories	137,121	(58,904)	
Other	62,837	(24,120)	
Total current assets	673,324	(170,348)	29
Prearranged funeral contracts, net	4,734,859	(1,516,287)	
Preneed cemetery contracts, net	1,084,636	--	
Cemetery property, at cost	1,524,545	--	
Property, plant and equipment, at cost, net	1,250,632	(299,314)	
Deferred charges and other assets	739,250	(50,519)	2
Goodwill	1,195,423	(24,140)	
	\$ 11,202,669	\$ (2,060,608)	\$ 32
LIABILITIES & STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY			
Current liabilities:			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 456,523	\$ (113,967)	\$
Current maturities of long-term debt	182,682	(5,974)	
Income taxes	29,742	(17,376)	
Total current liabilities	668,947	(137,317)	
Long-term debt	1,528,883	(18,221)	
Deferred prearranged funeral contract revenues, net	5,117,442	(1,519,663)	
Deferred cemetery contract revenues, net	1,575,352	--	
Deferred income taxes	431,401	(17,218)	(8
Other liabilities	353,686	(52,264)	3

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Stockholders' equity:

Common stock, \$1 per share par value, 500,000,000 shares authorized, 302,039,871 issued and outstanding (net of 2,469,445 treasury shares at par)	302,040	(244,234)	24
Capital in excess of par value	2,274,664	--	2
Accumulated deficit	(938,063)	17,732	10
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(111,683)	(89,423)	37
Total stockholders' equity	1,526,958	(315,925)	32
	\$ 11,202,669	\$ (2,060,608)	

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The following shows the unaudited pro forma results of operations for the year ended December 31, 2003 as if the disposition had taken place on January 1, 2003, excluding the gain on the sale. This unaudited pro forma consolidated statement of operations should be read in conjunction with the Company's Form 10-K.

SERVICE CORPORATION INTERNATIONAL
 UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003
 (IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT PER SHARE AMOUNTS)

	AS REPORTED	FRENCH OPERATIO
Revenues	\$ 2,341,651	\$ 584,
Costs and expenses	(1,975,853)	(516,
Gross profits	365,798	68,
General and administrative expenses	(178,101)	1,
Gains and impairment (losses) on dispositions, net	50,350	(
Other operating expenses	(9,004)	
Operating income	229,043	68,
Interest expense	(143,426)	(2,
Other income, net	28,716	
Income before income taxes	114,333	66,
Provision for income taxes	(29,251)	(24,
Net income	\$ 85,082	\$ 42,
Basic net income per share	\$.28	\$
Basic weighted average shares outstanding	299,801	299,

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Diluted net income per share	\$.28	\$
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Diluted weighted average shares outstanding	300,790	300,
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NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Basis of Presentation

On March 11, 2004, Service Corporation International (the "Company") completed the sale of its funeral operations in France and then purchased a 25% equity interest in the acquiring company. The joint venture transaction was consummated with an enterprise value of the French business of EUR 300 million. In addition to maintaining a 25% share of the total equity capital of the newly formed entity, the Company received net cash proceeds of EUR 243 million, prior to transaction costs, and a note receivable in the amount of EUR 10 million. The agreement related to the sale is attached as Exhibit 2.1 to this report.

The unaudited pro forma consolidated statement of operations and balance sheet include adjustments necessary to reflect the sale of the transaction as if it had occurred on January 1, 2003 and December 31, 2003 respectively. Such adjustments include the receipt of consideration and the elimination of revenue and expenses as well as the assets and liabilities of the French operations.

The unaudited pro forma consolidated statement of operations and balance sheet have been prepared on the basis of preliminary estimates, which are subject to possible adjustment. The unaudited pro forma results may not be indicative of the results that actually would have been achieved if the sale transaction had been effected on the dates indicated above, or the results that will be achieved in the future.

2. Summary of Pro Forma Adjustments

- (1) Represents the cash proceeds from the sale of the French funeral operations offset by related transaction fees.
- (2) Represents the 25% equity interest in the newly formed entity; a EUR 10 million note receivable from the acquiring entity; offset by disposition costs incurred prior to the date of sale.
- (3) Represents the estimated tax benefit on the transaction and the deferred tax impact related to the recognition of gains and losses on hedges of the Company's net foreign investment in the French funeral operations recorded in accumulated other comprehensive income.
- (4) Represents indemnifications and other representations and warranties assumed by the Company upon completion of the transaction.
- (5) Represents the deferred tax impact related to the recognition of gains and losses on hedges of the Company's net foreign investment in the French funeral operations and previously unrecognized foreign exchange rate gains and losses on hedging activities.

(c) Exhibits

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2.1 Share purchase agreement relating to the sale and purchase of part of the issued share capital of Service Corporation International - Europe Continentale. The copy filed does not include the Schedules one to nineteen of the agreement. The Company hereby undertakes to supplementally furnish a copy of any omitted schedules to the Commission upon request.

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SIGNATURE

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 thereunto duly authorized.

March 24, 2004

SERVICE CORPORATION INTERNATIONAL

By: /s/ Eric D. Tanzberger

Eric D. Tanzberger
Vice President and Corporate Controller

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