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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): APRIL 14, 2003

COMMISSION FILE NUMBER 1-584

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

AN OHIO CORPORATION, IRS NO. 34-0217820

1000 LAKESIDE AVENUE CLEVELAND, OH 44114
(Address of principal executive offices)

REGISTRANT'S TELEPHONE NUMBER INCLUDING AREA CODE:
216/641-8580

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ITEM 9. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE INFORMATION PROVIDED UNDER ITEM 12.

Information required by Item 12 is being provided under this Item 9 based on SEC interim filing guidance.

On April 14, 2003, Ferro Corporation issued a press release announcing its current forecast of financial results for the quarter ended March 31, 2003. A copy of this release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1. Ferro anticipates that income from continuing operations for the first quarter 2003 will be between \$0.21 and \$0.23 per share, including the pre-tax charges described in the release, compared with \$0.12 per share for the first quarter 2002, which included similar pre-tax charges described in the release.

Ferro believes that the disclosure in the press release of income from continuing operations, excluding severance & integration costs, provides useful information to investors regarding Ferro's financial results in light of costs associated with Ferro's cost reduction and integration programs.

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Signature

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

/s/ J. William Heitman

Signature

J. William Heitman

Acting Chief Financial Officer

Title

Exhibit Index

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| 99.1 | Press Release of Ferro Corporation dated April 14, 2003. |