

WHIRLPOOL CORP /DE/
Form 8-K
May 19, 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
And Regulation FD

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) May 18, 2004

WHIRLPOOL CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

2000 M63 North, Benton Harbor, Michigan
(Address of principal executive officers)

1-3932
(Commission File Number)

38-1490038
(I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)

49022-2692
(Zip Code)

(269)-923-5000

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

Item 5 Other Events

On May 18, 2004, the registrant announced its plans to invest approximately \$180 million to strengthen the registrant's manufacturing base in North America and extend its leadership position in the U.S. appliance industry.

Item 7 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits.

Attached is a press release dated May 18, 2004 being furnished as part of this report.

Exhibit Index

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99	Press Release dated May 18, 2004

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 hereunto duly authorized.

WHIRLPOOL CORPORATION

Date: May 19, 2004

By: /s/ Robert T. Kenagy

Name: Robert T. Kenagy
Title: Corporate Secretary