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 30, 2003

CURTISS WRIGHT CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware	1-134	13-0612970
State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization	Commission File Number	IRS Employer Identification No.

4 Becker Farm Road Roseland, New Jersey	07068
Address of Principal Executive Offices	Zip Code

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (973) 597-4700

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

(a) Not applicable.

(b) Not applicable.

(c) Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release dated April 30, 2003

ITEM 9. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

The information contained in this Current Report, which is intended to be furnished under Item 12, "Results of Operations and Financial Condition," is instead being furnished under Item 9, "Regulation FD Disclosure" pursuant to interim guidance issued by the Securities and Exchange Commission in Release Nos. 33-8216 and 34-47583. As such, the information hereunder shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be incorporated by reference into a filing under the Securities Act of 1933, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

Curtiss-Wright Corporation issued a press release on April 30, 2003, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report and incorporated herein by this reference. This information is not "filed" pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and is not incorporated by reference into any registration statements under the Securities Act of 1933.

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, thereunto duly authorized.

CURTISS WRIGHT CORPORATION

By: /s/ Glenn E. Tynan

Glenn E. Tynan
Vice-President and
Chief Financial Officer

Date: May 1, 2003

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number	Description
99.1	Press Release, dated April 30, 2003.

Exhibit 99.1

Curtiss-Wright Reports: Sales and Operating Income Up 84% & 81%, Respectively; Backlog & New Orders are at Record Levels

ROSELAND, N.J., April 30 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Curtiss-Wright Corporation (NYSE: CW, CW.B) today announced financial results for the first quarter ended March 31, 2003. The highlights for the first quarter are as follows:

o Net sales increased 84% to $179,933,000 in the first quarter of this year from $97,787,000 in the first quarter of 2002. Acquisitions made in 2002 and 2003 contributed $75,318,000 to sales in the 2003 first quarter. Despite a difficult economic environment, sales from our base business rose 7% in the first quarter of 2003 over the comparable prior year period.

o Operating income in the first quarter of 2003 increased 81% to $23,345,000 from operating income of $12,914,000 in the prior year same period. Acquisitions made in 2002 and 2003 contributed $10,016,000 to operating income in the 2003 first quarter. Operating income from our base businesses increased 3% in the first quarter of 2003.

o Net earnings for the first quarter of 2003 were $14,122,000, or $1.36 per diluted share, a 52% increase from $9,316,000, or $0.90 per diluted share for the same quarter of 2002.

o New orders received in the first quarter of 2003 were $205,952,000, up 114% compared to the 2002 first quarter. Approximately 60% of the new orders received in 2003 were military related.

o Backlog increased 6% to a new record high of $509,279,000 from $478,494,000 at December 31, 2002.

The total sales increase of the 2003 first quarter over the 2002 first quarter was due to both increases in some of our base businesses and acquisitions. Higher sales of flow control products to the nuclear navy, the nuclear power generation, oil and gas, and European valve markets, higher sales from our domestic ground defense business, and higher shot peening services, all contributed to the growth in base businesses. Sales to the commercial aerospace OEM market, as expected, were down for the quarter. Excluding the contributions from the acquisitions consummated in 2002 and 2003, sales of the base businesses increased 7% in the first quarter of 2003 compared to the prior year period.

Curtiss-Wright's first quarter 2003 performance was highlighted by strong results from our operating segments. Increased business segment operating income in 2003 more than offset the decrease in the Company's 2002 nonoperating pension income. Operating income from our business segments increased $9,961,000 for the first quarter of 2003 as compared to last year's comparable period. The increase in operating income equates to improved earnings per diluted share of $0.63 for the first quarter of 2003 as compared to the prior year. The higher operating income is mainly due to the higher sales volume as described above. Martin Benante, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Curtiss-Wright commented, "We are proud to report higher sales and operating income for the first quarter of 2003 over the same period last year despite challenges in some of the markets we serve. While sales have greatly benefited from our acquisition program, we have also seen strong performances in our base businesses with good internal growth in both sales and profits. Curtiss-Wright has experienced growth in 2002 and 2003 in markets where most companies have experienced major downturns, such as power generation, gas and oil processing and industrial markets. Curtiss-Wright has also experienced growth in our naval, military aerospace, land based military and laser peening markets. This growth reflects our customer's preference to purchase our highly engineered products and services. The commercial aerospace market has been particularly challenging, but our increase in military aerospace for the most part has offset the commercial downturn. Our diversification strategy is producing the balance of business that has allowed us to continue achieving profitable growth from our business segments during a weak economic cycle. Our recent acquisitions have achieved better than expected results while significantly increasing our market penetration, particularly within the defense industry, and also expanded our geographic reach and technological capabilities, giving us reason to remain optimistic about the rest of the year."

In addition, the projected increase in military procurement spending to the highest levels in over a decade should provide opportunities for us in the future. Our position on many defense programs is outstanding, with a mix of products for aerospace, land-based and naval defense platforms, which have never been stronger. This balanced blend of defense programs will provide both short and long-term benefits."

Segment Performance

Flow Control -- First quarter of 2003 sales for this segment were $93.3 million, up 210% over the comparable period last year. The higher sales reflect the acquisitions of the Electro-Mechanical Division of Westinghouse Government Services Company ("EMD") and TAPCO International, Inc. in the fourth quarter of 2002. In addition to the benefits from these acquisitions, we experienced sales growth of 23% in our base businesses, which was driven by stronger sales of products for both the traditional and non-traditional naval markets, gas and oil and commercial power generation markets, and higher valve sales to Europe.

Overall, operating income for this segment increased 292% for the first quarter of 2003 compared to the comparable prior year period. EMD posted strong results due to favorable sales mix and higher productivity. In addition to the benefit of acquisitions, increased operating profits from our base businesses contributed to the higher overall operating income. Operating income of our base businesses improved 39% from the prior year.

Margin improvements on flow control products for commercial nuclear applications, European valve, gas and oil, and heavy truck markets, as well as overall cost reduction programs contributed to the favorable operating income performance.

Motion Control -- Sales for the first quarter of 2003 of $57.0 million increased 35% over last year due principally to the acquisitions of Collins Technologies in February 2003 and Penny & Giles and Autronics in April of 2002. The base business did experience lower sales due to the reduction in commercial aircraft production by Boeing and a slight drop in the European ground defense business. These lower sales were partially offset by stronger domestic ground defense sales primarily related to the expedited deliveries of the Bradley fighting vehicles and an increase in sales of military aerospace products for both OEM and spares. The business segment also benefited from favorable currency translation. Operating margins for the first quarter of 2003 were down compared to last year. Lower margins were driven by lower sales volume as mentioned above, unfavorable sales mix, and higher than planned research development costs for our European ground defense business and a portion of our electronics business. The contributions from our acquisitions of $1.3 million partially offset these declines.

Metal Treatment -- Sales for the first quarter of 2003 of $29.6 million were 16% higher than the comparable period last year. The improvement was mainly due to higher sales of shot peening services, especially in Europe, which services the aerospace and automotive industries, and from the contributions from the 2002 and 2003 acquisitions. In addition, sales from our new laser technology also contributed to the higher sales for the quarter. Foreign exchange translation had a favorable impact on sales.

Operating income increased 36% for the first quarter of 2003 as compared to the first quarter of 2002. Higher sales volumes produced the higher operating margins. Margins for the quarter benefited from favorable currency translation of approximately $0.5 million. Mr. Benante concluded, "We begin the year 2003 confident in our ability to build on our solid business foundation and generate long-term shareholder value by increasing sales and earnings. Although 2003 is likely to present a challenging business environment, the first quarter results illustrate our ability to increase shareholder value by executing our strategies and achieving our financial targets as we have indicated we would at the end of 2002. Our diversification strategy and ongoing emphasis on technology will continue to generate growth opportunities in each of our three business segments."

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The Company will hold a conference call with financial analysts to discuss the first quarter 2003 results at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time, Thursday, May 1, 2003. A live webcast of the call can be heard on the Internet by visiting the company's website at www.curtisswright.com and clicking on the investor information page or by visiting other websites that provide links to corporate webcasts.

CURTISS-WRIGHT CORPORATION and SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EARNINGS
(In thousands except per share data)

(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended March 31,		Change	
	2003	2002	$	%
Net sales	$179,933	$97,787	$82,146	84.0%
Cost of sales	120,901	61,632	59,269	96.2%
Gross profit	59,032	36,155	22,877	63.3%
Research & development costs	5,305	1,311	3,994	304.7%
Selling expenses	8,968	5,742	3,226	56.2%
General and administrative expenses	21,414	15,986	5,428	34.0%
Environmental expenses	0	202	(202)	-100.0%
Operating income	23,345	12,914	10,431	80.8%
Investment income, net	15	131	(116)	-88.6%
Rental income, net	0	49	(49)	-100.0%
Pension income, net	525	2,254	(1,729)	-76.7%
Other expense, net	(257)	(108)	(149)	-138.0%
Interest expense	(851)	(193)	(658)	-340.9%
Earnings before income taxes	22,777	15,047	7,730	51.4%
Provision for income taxes	8,655	5,731	2,924	51.0%
Net earnings	$ 14,122	$ 9,316	$ 4,806	51.6%
Basic earnings per share	$ 1.37	$ 0.92		
Diluted earnings per share	$ 1.36	$ 0.90		
Dividends per share	$ 0.15	$ 0.15		
Weighted average shares outstanding:				
Basic	10,282	10,123		
Diluted	10,408	10,340		

Certain prior year information has been reclassified to conform to current presentation.

CURTISS-WRIGHT CORPORATION and SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(In thousands)

(Unaudited)

	March 31, 2003	December 31, 2002	Change $	Change %
Assets				
Current Assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 41,719	$ 47,717	$ (5,998)	-12.6%
Receivables, net	145,806	143,316	2,490	1.7%
Inventories, net	87,023	79,808	7,215	9.0%
Deferred income taxes	21,341	21,840	(499)	-2.3%
Other current assets	8,652	9,005	(353)	-3.9%
Total current assets	304,541	301,686	2,855	0.9%
Property, plant and equipment, at cost	368,142	354,990	13,152	3.7%
Less: accumulated depreciation	141,615	135,941	5,674	4.2%
Property, plant and equipment, net	226,527	219,049	7,478	3.4%
Prepaid pension costs	76,597	76,072	525	0.7%
Goodwill, net	195,607	181,101	14,506	8.0%
Other intangible assets, net	19,356	21,982	(2,626)	-11.9%
Other assets	12,734	13,034	(300)	-2.3%
Total Assets	$835,362	$812,924	$ 22,438	2.8%
Liabilities				
Current Liabilities:				
Short-term debt	$ 32,874	$ 32,837	$ 37	0.1%
Accounts payable	44,251	41,344	2,907	7.0%
Accrued expenses	29,132	32,446	(3,314)	-10.2%
Income taxes payable	8,203	4,528	3,675	81.2%
Other current liabilities	52,341	53,294	(953)	-1.8%
Total current liabilities	166,801	164,449	2,352	1.4%
Long-term debt	123,045	119,041	4,004	3.4%
Deferred income taxes	8,429	6,605	1,824	27.6%
Accrued pension & postretirement benefit costs	78,616	77,438	1,178	1.5%
Long-term portion of environmental reserves	22,301	22,585	(284)	-1.3%

Other liabilities	11,409	11,578	(169)	-1.5%
Total Liabilities	410,601	401,696	8,905	2.2%
Stockholders' Equity				
Common stock, $1 par value	10,618	10,618	--	N/A
Class B common stock, $1 par value	4,382	4,382	--	N/A
Capital surplus	52,290	52,200	90	0.2%
Retained earnings	520,876	508,298	12,578	2.5%
Unearned portion of restricted stock	(55)	(60)	5	-8.3%
Accumulated other comprehensive income	6,711	6,482	229	3.5%
	594,822	581,920	12,902	2.2%
Less: Common treasury stock, at cost	170,061	170,692	(631)	-0.4%
Total Stockholders' Equity	424,761	411,228	13,533	3.3%
Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity	$835,362	$812,924	$ 22,438	2.8%

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	Three Months Ended March 31,		Change	
	2003	2002	$	%
Sales:				
Flow Control	$ 93,341	$ 30,118	$ 63,223	209.9%
Motion Control	57,040	42,252	14,788	35.0%
Metal Treatment	29,552	25,417	4,135	16.3%
Total Segments	$179,933	$ 97,787	$ 82,146	84.0%
Operating Income:				
Flow Control	$ 14,318	$ 3,656	10,662	291.6%
Motion Control	5,090	6,782	(1,692)	-24.9%
Metal Treatment	3,751	2,760	991	35.9%
Total Segments	23,159	13,198	9,961	75.5%
Corporate & Other	186	(284)	470	165.5%

Total Operating Income	$ 23,345	$ 12,914	$ 10,431	80.8%
Operating Margins:				
Flow Control	15.3%	12.1%		
Motion Control	8.9%	16.1%		
Metal Treatment	12.7%	10.9%		
Total Curtiss-Wright	13.0%	13.2%		

Curtiss-Wright Corporation is a diversified provider of highly engineered products and services to the Motion Control, Flow Control and Metal Treatment industries. The firm employs approximately 4,300 people. More information on Curtiss-Wright can be found on the Internet at www.curtisswright.com.

Forward-looking statements in this release related to expectations of continued high revenues continued sales and income growth, and are made pursuant to the Safe Harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such forward-looking statements are subject to certain risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date hereof. Such risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to: a reduction in anticipated orders; an economic downturn; changes in the need for additional machinery and equipment and/or in the cost for the expansion of the Corporation's operations; changes in government spending; changes in the competitive marketplace and/or customer requirements; an inability to perform customer contracts at anticipated cost levels; and other factors that generally affect the business of aerospace, defense, marine, and industrial companies. Please refer to the Company's SEC filings under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, for further information.

SOURCE Curtiss-Wright Corporation

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