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> 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) February 4, 2004

LINENS 'N THINGS, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

1-12381 22-3463939 Delaware (I.R.S. Employer (State or Other Jurisdiction (Commission of Incorporation) File Number) Identification No.) 07015 6 Brighton Road, Clifton, New Jersey (Zip Code) (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE REPORT

Results of Operations and Financial Condition

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (973) 778-1300

Attached and being furnished hereby as Exhibit 99.1 is a copy of a press release of Linens 'n Things, Inc. (the "Company") dated February 4, 2004, reporting Company's sales and earnings results for the fourth quarter of 2003 and for fiscal year 2003.

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The discussion of the Company's 2003 fourth quarter and 2003 full year results and its commentary regarding expected future results include and, where indicated, exclude the expected impact of EITF 02-16. The expected impact of EITF 02-16 is further detailed in, and reconciled to generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), as part of the press release. Such information is supplemental to information presented in accordance with GAAP, is not intended to represent a presentation in accordance with GAAP and should not be considered as a substitute for, or superior to, measures of financial performance prepared and presented in accordance with GAAP. In discussing its historical and expected future results and financial condition, the Company believes it is meaningful for investors to be made aware of and to be assisted in a better understanding of, on a period-to-period comparative basis, the expected impact of EITF 02-16on operating results and financial condition. In addition, management internally uses these non-GAAP financial performance measures to evaluate performance on a comparative period-to-period basis in terms of absolute performance and trend performance.

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.

LINENS 'N THINGS, INC.

Dated: February 4, 2004 By: /s/ William T. Giles

Name: William T. Giles

Title: Executive Vice President,

Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press Release of Linens 'n Things, Inc., dated February 4, 2004.