

WHIRLPOOL CORP /DE/  
Form 8-K  
October 20, 2004

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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)

**October 20, 2004**

**WHIRLPOOL CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
  
of Incorporation)

**1-3932**  
(Commission  
  
File Number)

**38-1490038**  
(IRS Employer  
  
Identification No.)

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

**49022-2692**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

**(269) 923-5000**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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  - .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On October 20, 2004, the registrant announced its third-quarter 2004 net earnings of \$101 million, or \$1.50 per diluted share, compared to \$105 million, or \$1.48 per diluted share, in the same period last year. The registrant also announced it expects full-year earnings for 2004 to be in the range of \$5.85 to \$5.95 per share, versus the previous guidance of \$6.20 to \$6.35 per share. The text of the press release is attached as an Exhibit to this Form 8-K.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

Attached is a press release dated October 20, 2004 being furnished as part of this report.

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: October 20, 2004

By:           /s/ Robert T. Kenagy          

Name: Robert T. Kenagy  
Title: Corporate Secretary

Exhibit Index

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99	Press Release dated October 20, 2004