

CURTISS WRIGHT CORP
Form 8-K
March 26, 2003

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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): March 21, 2003

CURTISS WRIGHT CORPORATION
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

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

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| 4 Becker Farm Road Roseland, NJ ----- | 07068 ----- |
| Address of Principal Executive Offices | Zip Code |

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

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Item 4. Changes in Registrant's Certifying Accountant

On March 21, 2003, Curtiss-Wright Corporation dismissed PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP ("PwC") as the Corporation's principal accountants. The decision to change principal accountants was approved by the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors.

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In connection with the audits of the two fiscal years ended December 31, 2002 and 2001 and through March 21, 2003, there were no disagreements with PwC on any matter of accounting principles or practices, financial statement disclosure or auditing scope or procedure, which disagreement, if not resolved to PwC's satisfaction, would have caused PwC to make reference to the subject matter of the disagreement in connection with its reports.

The audit reports of PwC on the financial statements of the Corporation as of and for the years ended December 31, 2002 and 2001 did not contain an adverse opinion or disclaimer of opinion, nor were the reports qualified or modified as to audit scope or accounting principles.

During the two most recent fiscal years and through March 21, 2003, there have been no reportable events (as defined in Regulation S-K Item 304(a)(1)(v)).

The Registrant has requested that PwC furnish it with a letter addressed to the United States Securities and Exchange Commission stating whether or not it agrees with the above statements. A copy of such letter, dated March 25, 2003 is filed as Exhibit 16.1 to this Form 8-K.

On March 21, 2003, the Corporation appointed Deloitte & Touche, LLP as the Corporation's new principal accountants for the fiscal year 2003 subject to their normal new client acceptance procedures. Prior to its appointment, the Registrant did not consult with Deloitte & Touche, LLP regarding any matters or events set forth in Items 304(a)(2)(i) and (ii) of Regulation S-K of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

The following exhibits are filed herewith:

| Exhibit Number ----- | Description ----- |
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| 16.1 | Letter from PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, dated March 25, 2003. |

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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

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