

STERIS CORP
Form 8-K
July 27, 2007

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) July 25, 2007

STERIS Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Ohio
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

1-14643
(Commission File Number)

34-1482024
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

5960 Heisley Road, Mentor, Ohio
(Address of principal executive offices)

44060-1834
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (440) 354-2600

Not Applicable

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

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ITEM 8.01. Other Events.

New Share Repurchase Authorized

On July 25, 2007, the Board of Directors (the Board) of STERIS Corporation (STERIS) authorized the purchase of up to \$300 million in shares of STERIS common stock. This share repurchase authorization replaces a previous authorization under which approximately 1.9 million shares remained. A copy of the press release announcing this action is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Quarterly Dividend Authorized

On July 25, 2007, the Board also authorized the payment of a quarterly dividend in the amount of \$0.06 per share. The dividend is payable September 12, 2007 to shareholders of record at the closing of the stock transfer books on August 15, 2007. A copy of the press release announcing this action is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

ITEM 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

| Exhibit No. | Description |
|--------------------|--|
| 99.1 | Press Release issued by STERIS Corporation on July 26, 2007 regarding New Share Repurchase Authorization and a Quarterly Dividend. |

SIGNATURES

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.

STERIS CORPORATION

By: **/s/ Mark D. McGinley**
Mark D. McGinley
Senior Vice President, General

Counsel and Secretary

Date: July 27, 2007

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