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Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

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Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

The following information, including the exhibits hereto, is being furnished pursuant to this Item 2.02.

Incorporated by reference is a press release issued by the Registrant on October 21, 2004, regarding earnings for the third quarter 2004, attached as Exhibit 99.1. Also incorporated by reference is certain supplemental information not included in the press release, attached as Exhibit 99.2.

This information shall not be deemed to be "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section, and is not incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

- Exhibit 99.1 Press release issued October 21, 2004 regarding earnings for third quarter 2004
- Exhibit 99.2 Certain supplemental information not included in the press release

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.

Merck & Co., Inc.

Date: October 21, 2004

By: /s/ Debra A. Bollwage

DEBRA A. BOLLWAGE
Assistant Secretary

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