

FLOW INTERNATIONAL CORP
Form 8-K
November 23, 2004

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 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): November 18, 2004

FLOW INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Washington

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

0-12448
(Commission File Number)

91-1104842
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

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23500 64th Avenue South, Kent, Washington
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

98032
(Zip Code)

(253) 850-3500

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Not Applicable

(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 (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

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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 8.01 Other Events.

Omax Corporation (Omax) filed suit against Flow International Corporation (Flow) on November 18, 2004. The suit alleges that Flow s products infringe Omax s Patent Nos. 5,508,596 entitled Motion Control with Precomputation and 5,892,345 entitled Motion Control for Quality in Jet Cutting. The suit also seeks to have Flow s Patent No. 6,766,216 entitled Method and System for Automated Software Control of Waterjet Orientation Parameters declared invalid, unenforceable and not infringed. Omax manufactures waterjet equipment that competes with Flow s equipment. Both the Omax and the Flow patents are directed at the software that controls operation of the waterjet equipment. Although the suit seeks damages of over \$100 million, Flow believes Omax s claims are without merit and intends not only to contest Omax s allegations of infringement but also to vigorously pursue its claims with regard to its own patent.

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.

FLOW INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION
(Registrant)

Date: November 23, 2004

By: */s/ Stephen D. Reichenbach*

Stephen D. Reichenbach
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer