

HILLENBRAND INDUSTRIES INC

Form 8-K

October 31, 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): October 27, 2003**

**HILLENBRAND INDUSTRIES, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Indiana**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**1-6651**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**35-1160484**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**700 State Route 46 East**  
**Batesville, Indiana**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**47006-8835**  
(Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (812) 934-7000**

**Not Applicable**  
(Former name or former address,  
if changed since last report.)

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**Item 5. OTHER EVENTS.**

On October 27, 2003, Hillenbrand Industries, Inc. (the Company) announced that it had sold its medical gas pipeline business for an undisclosed sum to Beacon Medical Products, LLC, a privately held manufacturer owned by The Riverside Company. This announcement is more fully described in the press release filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K. The contents of such Exhibit are incorporated herein by reference.

Also, on October 30, 2003, the Company announced that it had signed a definitive agreement to acquire Mediq, Inc., a privately held company that is a leader in providing medical equipment outsourcing, asset management and peak-needs rentals to hospitals, extended care and home medical equipment makers. The purchase price is expected to be approximately \$330 million. This announcement is more fully described in the press release filed as Exhibit 99.2 to this Current Report on Form 8-K. The contents of such Exhibit are incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.**

(c) Exhibit.

99.1 Press release dated October 27, 2003 issued by the Company.

99.2 Press release dated October 30, 2003 issued by the Company.

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**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.

**HILLENBRAND INDUSTRIES, INC.**

DATE: October 31, 2003

BY: /S/ Scott K. Sorensen

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Scott K. Sorensen  
Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

DATE: October 31, 2003

BY: /S/ Gregory N. Miller

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Gregory N. Miller  
Vice President Controller and  
Chief Accounting Officer

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<b><u>Exhibit Number</u></b>	<b><u>Exhibit Description</u></b>
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99.2	Press release dated October 30, 2003 issued by the Company.