

WHIRLPOOL CORP /DE/  
Form 8-K  
May 19, 2004

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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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## FORM 8-K

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### CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
And Regulation FD

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) May 18, 2004

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# WHIRLPOOL CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

1-3932  
(Commission File Number)

38-1490038  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

2000 M63 North, Benton Harbor, Michigan  
(Address of principal executive officers)

49022-2692  
(Zip Code)

(269)-923-5000

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

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Item 5 Other Events

On May 18, 2004, the registrant announced its plans to invest approximately \$180 million to strengthen the registrant's manufacturing base in North America and extend its leadership position in the U.S. appliance industry.

Item 7 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits.

Attached is a press release dated May 18, 2004 being furnished as part of this report.

Exhibit Index

| <u>Exhibit No.</u> | <u>Description</u>               |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|
| 99                 | Press Release dated May 18, 2004 |

SIGNATURE

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.

**WHIRLPOOL CORPORATION**

Date: May 19, 2004

By:           /s/ Robert T. Kenagy          

Name: Robert T. Kenagy  
Title: Corporate Secretary