

ESTERLINE TECHNOLOGIES CORP  
Form 8-K  
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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

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

August 27, 2004

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Date of Report (Date of earliest  
event reported)

ESTERLINE TECHNOLOGIES CORPORATION

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(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware

001-06357

13-2595091

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(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

(Commission File No.)

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

500-108<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, Bellevue, Washington 98004

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(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

(425) 453-9400

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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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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 2.01 Completion of Acquisition or Disposition of Assets; Item 2.03 Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant

On August 27, 2004, Esterline Technologies Corporation, a Delaware corporation ("Esterline"), completed the acquisition of Leach Holding Corporation ("Leach") for \$145 million, excluding acquisition costs and an adjustment for the change in working capital of Leach between December 31, 2003 and closing, pursuant to an Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of July 8, 2004 (the "Merger Agreement"). In addition, \$12.5 million of the consideration has been placed in escrow for six months as security for the stockholders' indemnification obligations under the Merger Agreement. Pursuant to the Merger Agreement, a subsidiary of Esterline merged with and into Leach, with Leach surviving as a wholly-owned subsidiary of Esterline.

Esterline partially financed the Leach acquisition using cash on hand and \$23.0 million provided through an August 26, 2004 draw down of its \$60.0 million credit facility made available through a group of banks, with Wachovia Bank acting as administrative and collateral agent. The credit facility is secured by substantially all of Esterline's assets and interest is based on standard inter-bank offering rates. The credit agreement for the facility contains covenants, including but not limited to, restrictions on liens, making certain investments in third parties, capital expenditures, incurrence of additional indebtedness, repurchase of Esterline's common stock, declaration of dividends and certain asset dispositions. In addition, the credit agreement requires that Esterline comply with certain financial covenants, including a maximum leverage ratio, a fixed charge coverage ratio, a total debt to capitalization ratio and a minimum tangible net worth. As of the date of this report, Esterline was in compliance with the terms of the covenants of the credit agreement.

The Merger Agreement is filed as Exhibit 2.01 to this report and the press release issued by Esterline regarding the Leach acquisition is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this report, each of which is incorporated into this report by reference. The summary of the provisions of the Merger Agreement is not complete and is qualified in its entirety by the provisions of the Merger Agreement. The press release regarding the Leach acquisition should be read in conjunction with the note regarding forward-looking statements, which is included in the press release.

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Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) *Exhibits.*

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
2.01	Agreement and Plan of Merger dated as of July 8, 2004 among Esterline Technologies Corporation, Esterline Technologies Holdings Limited, Esterline Acquisition Sub, Inc., Leach Holding Corporation and Robert Sires (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed July 9, 2004 [Commission File Number 1-6357])
99.1	Press release announcing the Leach acquisition issued by Esterline Technologies Corporation dated August 30, 2004

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SIGNATURES

