

HILLENBRAND INDUSTRIES INC

Form 8-K

September 08, 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): September 8, 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.)
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700 State Route 46 East Batesville, Indiana (Address of principal executive offices)	47006-8835 (Zip Code)
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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 September 8, 2003, Hillenbrand Industries, Inc. (the Company) announced that it has signed a definitive agreement to acquire Advanced Respiratory, Inc. (Advanced Respiratory), a privately held manufacturer and distributor of non-invasive airway clearance products and systems known as The Vest airway clearance system. The purchase price will be \$83 million, subject to certain adjustments, with additional payments not to exceed \$20 million based on Advanced Respiratory achieving certain revenue growth targets. The acquisition will be funded out of the Company's cash on hand and is expected to have a modestly accretive impact to the Company's earnings in fiscal year 2004. The Company expects to close the acquisition by mid-to-late October 2003, subject to regulatory clearance, approval by Advanced Respiratory's shareholders and other closing conditions. This announcement is more fully described in the press release filed as Exhibit 99 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 Press release dated September 8, 2003 issued by the Company.

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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: September 8,
2003

BY: /S/ Scott K. Sorensen

Scott K. Sorensen
Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

DATE: September 8,
2003

BY: /S/ Gregory N. Miller

Gregory N. Miller
Vice President
Controller and Chief
Accounting Officer

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EXHIBIT INDEX

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Exhibit Description</u>
99	Press release dated September 8, 2003 issued by the Company.