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CASCADE CORP Form 8-K October 25, 2004

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 22, 2004

CASCADE CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

Oregon (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-12557 (Commission File Number)

93-0136592 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

2201 N.E. 201st Avenue Fairview, Oregon 97024-9718

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(503) 669-6300

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

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- o 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.

Cascade Corporation has reached a settlement with one of two insurers in litigation relating to recovery of expenses incurred in the cleanup of groundwater contamination at its Fairview, Oregon, plant. The insurer has paid Cascade \$1.3 million and will be dismissed from a pending appeal by Cascade and the insurers of a lower court judgment in Cascade s favor. The payment will add approximately \$0.06 per share to after-tax income for the quarter ending October 31, 2004. The appeal is continuing as to the remaining insurer.

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.

Cascade Corporation

By:

/s/ JOSEPH G. POINTER Joseph G. Pointer Secretary

Dated: October 25, 2004