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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 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): December 22, 2004

ESSEX CORPORATION

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Commission File No. 0-10772

Virginia 54-0846569 (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) 54-0846569

9150 Guilford Road Columbia, Maryland (Address of principal executive office)

21046-2306 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(301) 939-7000

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ITEM 5.03. AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OR BYLAWS; CHANGE IN FISCAL YEAR.

The Company's bylaws provide that its fiscal year end is determined by resolution of the board of directors. On December 22, 2004, the Board of Directors approved changing Essex's financial reporting to calendar year end and quarterly reporting. Historically, Essex closed its fiscal year on the last Sunday in December and each fiscal quarter had ninety-one days. This change is effective for fiscal year end 2004 and will add the five days from December 27 to December 31, inclusive, to fiscal 2004 results.

This change is relatively minor and is not significant for comparative purposes. As a result, there is no requirement under SEC rules to file a separate transition period report or intention to restate prior periods. Calendar reporting is more commonly used by industry peers and the Company believes this change will eliminate potential confusion about the periods for which the Company is reporting and the due dates for such reports.

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.

ESSEX CORPORATION

/S/ LEONARD E. MOODISPAW

DATE: December 22, 2004 Leonard E. Moodispaw

President and Chief Executive Officer