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April 22, 2004

UNITED STATES  
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): April 21, 2004

BUTLER MANUFACTURING COMPANY  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE	001-12335	44-0188420
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

1540 Genessee Street  
P.O. BOX 419917  
Kansas City, Missouri 64102  
(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (816) 968-3000

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ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS.

On April 21, 2004, Butler Manufacturing Company, a Delaware corporation ("Butler"), received from plaintiff's counsel a copy of a complaint in the matter of Bazemore v. Butler Manufacturing Company, et. al., 2004 C.A. No. 390-N (Del. Ch. 2004). Butler believes that this matter is without merit and will not impede or interfere with its merger with BlueScope Steel Limited. Butler intends to vigorously oppose the matter. A copy of the complaint is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(c) EXHIBITS.

99.1 Complaint in the matter of Bazemore v. Butler Manufacturing Company, et. al., 2004 C.A. No. 390-N (Del. Ch. 2004).

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the

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Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: April 21, 2004

BUTLER MANUFACTURING COMPANY

/s/ John W. Huey

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By: John W. Huey  
Its: Vice President

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