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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) January 3, 2003

SPRINT CORPORATION

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Kansas	1-04721	48-0457967
(State of Incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

6200 Sprint Parkway, Overland Park, Kansas	66251
(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (913) 624-3000

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

P. O. Box 11315, Kansas City, Missouri 64112
(Mailing address of principal executive offices)

Item 2. Acquisition or Disposition of Assets.

On January 3, 2003, Sprint Corporation ("Sprint") closed the sale to R.H. Donnelley Corporation, a Delaware corporation ("Donnelley"), of all of the issued and outstanding shares of capital stock of DirectoriesAmerica, Inc. and Centel Directory Company for approximately \$2.23 billion in cash. DirectoriesAmerica, Inc. owns all of the issued and outstanding capital stock of Sprint Publishing and Advertising, Inc., a Kansas corporation which publishes white and yellow page directories in certain of the local exchange areas served by Sprint's local division. Centel Directory Company owns a membership interest in CenDon, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company which publishes white and yellow page telephone directories in the remaining local exchange areas served by Sprint's local division. The amount of the consideration was derived through arm's length negotiations.

Before the sale Donnelley owned a membership interest in CenDon, LLC and served as the exclusive sales agent for the limited liability company.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(b) Pro Forma Financial Information

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UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The accompanying unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated balance sheet as of September 30, 2002 gives effect to this sale as if the transaction had occurred on September 30, 2002.

The accompanying unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated statements of operations for the nine months ended September 30, 2002 and the year ended December 31, 2001 give effect to the sale as if the transaction occurred January 1, 2001. The non-recurring one-time gain associated with this transaction is not included.

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Pro Forma Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet (Unaudited) September 30, 2002 (millions)

	Historical Sprint Corporation (A)	Pro Forma Adjustment (B)
Assets		
Current assets		
Cash and equivalents	\$ 738	\$
Other current assets	5,451	
Total current assets	6,189	
Assets of discontinued operation	332	
Net property, plant and equipment	28,902	
Net intangibles	9,042	
Other assets	1,538	
Total	\$ 46,003	\$
Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity		
Current liabilities		
Short-term borrowings and current maturities of long-term debt	\$ 1,226	\$
Other current liabilities	6,027	

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Total current liabilities	7,253	
Liabilities of discontinued operation	229	
Noncurrent liabilities		
Long-term debt and capital lease obligations	19,433	
Equity unit notes	1,725	
Other noncurrent liabilities	4,060	
Total noncurrent liabilities	25,218	
Redeemable preferred stock	256	
Shareholders' equity		
Common stock		
Class A FT	22	
FON	1,787	
PCS	998	
Retained earnings	323	
Other shareholders' equity	9,917	
Total shareholders' equity	13,047	
Total	\$ 46,003	\$

See Notes to Pro Forma Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

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Sprint Corporation Pro Forma Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations (Unaudited) Nine Months Ended September 30, 2002 (millions)

	Historical Sprint Corporation (A)	Pro Forma Adjustments
Net Operating Revenues	\$ 20,102	\$
Operating Expenses		
Costs of services and products	9,210	
Selling, general and administrative	5,407	

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Depreciation	3,625	
Amortization	4	
Restructuring and asset impairments	144	

Total operating expenses	18,390	

Operating Income	1,712	
Interest expense	(1,044)	
Other expense, net	(234)	

Income from continuing operations before income taxes	434	
Income tax (expense) benefit	37	

Income from Continuing Operations	\$ 471	\$

See Notes to Pro Forma Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

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Sprint Corporation Pro Forma Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations (Unaudited) Year Ended December 31, 2001 (millions)

	Historical Sprint Corporation (A)	Pro Adjusted (B)
Net Operating Revenues	\$ 26,071	\$
Operating Expenses		
Costs of services and products	12,995	
Selling, general and administrative	7,325	
Depreciation	4,217	
Amortization	382	
Restructuring and asset impairments	1,814	

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Total operating expenses	26,733	
Operating Loss	(662)	
Interest expense	(1,181)	
Other expense, net	(183)	
Loss from continuing operations before income taxes	(2,026)	
Income tax (expense) benefit	624	
Loss from Continuing Operations	\$ (1,402)	\$

See Notes to Pro Forma Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

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Sprint Corporation Notes to Pro Forma Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited)

- A. Reflects the historical financial position and results of operations of Sprint. Effective as of September 30, 2002, the assets, liabilities, and results of operations of Sprint's directory publishing business were removed from the consolidated financial statements.
- B. To record the removal of the directory publishing assets and liabilities as a result of the sale of the directory publishing business on the sale, and the estimated after-tax gain. The following table summarizes this transaction.
- (millions)

Sale proceeds	\$ 2,230
Less: Net estimated transaction and settlement costs	(13)
Net cash proceeds	2,217
Less net assets removed as of September 30, 2002 consisting of the following:	
Gross assets removed	(332)
Gross liabilities removed	229
Adjustments to certain assets and liabilities	

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liabilities related to the directory publishing business retained by Sprint:	
Other assets	(13)
Other current liabilities	(5)
Other non-current liabilities	40

Estimated gain on sale	2,136
Less: Estimated tax expense	(826)

Net gain on sale	\$ 1,310

Sprint retains certain assets and liabilities associated with the directory publishing business with deferred income taxes, accrued income taxes, and post retirement and other benefit obligations. The gain on sale of the directory publishing business is calculated using Sprint's estimated statutory Federal and state income tax rates. Any tax loss from this transaction will be substantially offset by loss carry-forwards.

- C. To reflect reduced interest expense assuming reduction of outstanding borrowings resulting from net cash proceeds provided by the sale of Sprint's directory publishing business. Interest expense is calculated using Sprint's weighted average effective interest rate on long-term debt.
- D. To record the impact on income taxes of pro forma adjustment C using Sprint's estimated statutory Federal and state income tax rates.
- E. To reflect the adjustments to continuing operations to remove the results of Sprint's directory publishing business unless otherwise identified by footnotes C and D.

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Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

- 2(a) Stock Purchase Agreement, by and between Sprint Corporation, Centel Directories LLC and R.H. Donnelley Corporation, dated as of September 21, 2002 (filed as Exhibit 2 to Sprint Corporation Current Report on Form 8-K dated September 21, 2002 and incorporated herein by reference).
- 2(b) Supplemental Agreement to Stock Purchase Agreement, by and between Sprint Corporation, Centel Directories LLC and R.H. Donnelley Corporation, dated as of December 31, 2002.

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SIGNATURE

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.

SPRINT CORPORATION

Date: January 7, 2003

By: /s/ Michael T. Hyde
Michael T. Hyde, Assistant Secretary

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