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December 18, 2002

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): December 15, 2002 METRIS COMPANIES INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) 1-12351 41-1849591

(Commission file number)

(IRS employer identification no.)

10900 Wayzata Boulevard, Minnetonka, Minnesota 55305-1534 (Address of Principal Executive Offices, Including Zip Code)

(952) 525-5020

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Not Applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Item 5. Other Events.

On December 15, 2002, Metris Companies Inc. issued a press release announcing a management change. Attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 is a copy of that press release.

Item 7(c). Exhibits.

The following Exhibit is filed as part of this Report.

99.1 Press release of Metris Companies Inc., dated December 15, 2002, announcing a management change.

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.

METRIS COMPANIES INC.

By: /s/

Ralph A. Than

Senior Vice President, Treasurer

Dated: December 17, 2002

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