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): March 15, 2004
NEWELL RUBBERMAID INC.
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware 1-9608 36-3514169
(Commission (IRS Employer
File Number) Identification No.)

10 B Glenlake Parkway

Suite 600
Atlanta, Georgia
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (770) 670-2232

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.
(c) Exhibits.

## EXHIBIT

NUMBER

## DESCRIPTION

99.1 Press Release captioned "Newell Rubbermaid Realigns Segment Reporting," dated March 15, 2004, issued by Newell Rubbermaid Inc.

Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.
The information in this Report, including the Exhibit attached hereto, is furnished pursuant to Item 12 of this Form $8-\mathrm{K}$. Consequently, it is not deemed "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section. It may only be incorporated by reference in another filing under the Exchange Act or Securities Act of 1933 if such subsequent filing specifically references this Form 8-K.

On March 15, 2004, Newell Rubbermaid Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing that it has changed its segment reporting to align public reporting with recent changes in management reporting. A copy of the Company's press release, dated March 15, 2004, is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

The press release contains non-GAAP financial measures. For purposes of SEC Regulation G, a "non-GAAP financial measure" is a numerical measure of a registrant's historical or future financial performance, financial position or cash flows that excludes amounts, or is subject to adjustments that have the effect of excluding amounts, that are included in the most directly comparable measure calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP in the statement of income, balance sheet or statement of cash flows of the issuer; or includes amounts, or is subject to adjustments that have the effect of including amounts, that are excluded from the most directly comparable measure so calculated and presented. Operating and statistical measures and certain ratios and other statistical measures are not non-GAAP financial measures. For purposes of the definition, GAAP refers to generally accepted accounting principles in the United States. Pursuant to the requirements of Regulation G, the Company has provided, as a part of the press release, a reconciliation of each of the non-GAAP financial measures to the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure.
believes that these measures -- including those that are "non-GAAP financial measures" -- and the information they provide are useful to investors since these measures:

* enable investors and analysts to compare the current non-GAAP measures with the corresponding non-GAAP measures used in the past, and
* permit investors to view the Company's performance using the same tools that Company management uses to evaluate the Company's past performance, reportable business segments and prospects for future performance and to gauge the Company's progress in achieving its stated goals.

Operating income, excluding asset impairment, restructuring charges and other charges for each of the Company's five segments, continuing operations and discontinued operations and amounts of operating income, excluding asset impairment, restructuring charges and other charges as a percentage of sales for such respective segments, continuing operations and discontinued operations are also useful to investors because they provide information with respect to operating income related to continuing operations after the Company's restructuring plan is completed.

While the Corporation believes that these non-GAAP financial measures are useful in evaluating the Company, this information should be considered as supplemental in nature and not as a substitute for or superior to the related financial information prepared in accordance with GAAP. Additionally, these non-GAAP financial measures may differ from similar measures presented by other companies.

## 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.

NEWELL RUBBERMAID INC.

Date:
March 19, 2004
By: /s/ Dale L. Matschullat
Dale L. Matschullat
Vice President - General
Counsel \& Corporate Secretary

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## NEWELL RUBBERMAID REALIGNS SEGMENT REPORTING

ATLANTA, MARCH 15, 2004 - Newell Rubbermaid Inc. (NYSE: NWL) announced today that it has changed its segment reporting to align public reporting with recent changes in management reporting.

The company will now report the following five segments: Cleaning \& Organization, Tools \& Hardware and Home Fashions, led by Chief Operating Officer James J. Roberts, and Office Products and Other, led by Chief Operating Officer Robert. S. Parker.

The realignment schedules, which reflect discontinued operations, along with a listing of divisions in each segment are included in this press release and can also be found on the investor relations portion of the company's web site at www. newellrubbermaid.com.

ABOUT NEWELL RUBBERMAID
Newell Rubbermaid Inc., is a global marketer of consumer products with 2003 sales of over $\$ 7$ billion and a powerful brand family including Sharpie\{R\}, Paper Mate\{R\}, Parker\{R\}, Waterman\{R\}, Colorific\{R\}, Rubbermaid\{R\}, Stain Shield\{R\}, Blue Ice\{R\}, TakeAlongs\{R\}, Roughneck\{R\}, Brute\{R\}, Calphalon\{R\}, Little Tikes\{R\}, Graco\{R\}, Levolor\{R\}, Kirsch\{R\}, Shur-Line\{R\}, BernzOmatic\{R\}, Goody\{R\}, ViseGrip\{R\}, Quick-Grip\{R\}, IRWIN\{R\}, Lenox\{R\}, and Marathon\{R\}. The company, headquartered in Atlanta, Ga., employs approximately 40,000 people worldwide.

This press release and additional financial information about the company are available under the Investor Relations section of the company's website at www.newellrubbermaid.com.

Newell Rubbermaid Inc.
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NYSE
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(Symbol: NWL)
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NEWELL RUBBERMAID, INC.
SALES, OPERATING INCOME AND IDENTIFIABLE ASSETS 2003 AND 2002





REPORTED CHARGES CHARGES REPORTED CHARGES CHARGES

Identifiable Assets: 12/31/2003 12/31/2004

| Cleaning \& Organization | $1,256.6$ | $1,339.1$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Office Products | 997.5 | 998.3 |
| Tools \& Hardware | 812.1 | 584.8 |
| Home Fashions | 633.5 | 646.2 |
| Other | 569.7 | 617.7 |
| Corporate | $2,719.2$ | $2,629.5$ |


| Continuing Operations | $6,988.6$ | $6,815.6$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Discontinued Operations | 492.1 | 588.8 |
| Total | $7,480.7$ | $7,404.4$ |

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## - NEWELL RUBBERMAID, ING.

SEGMENTS AND DIVISIONS

## - CLEANING \& ORGANIZATION

- Rubbermaid Home-Products

Rubbermaid Food \& Beverage
-Rubbermaid Commercial
Rubbermaid Europe
Rubbermaid Canada

- OFFICE PRODUCTS

Sanford North America
-Sanford Europe
Sanford Latin America
Sanford Asia Pacific
TOOLS \& HARDWARE
IRWIN North America
IRWIN Latin America

- IRWIN Europe

Lenox
-BernzOmatic
Shur-Line
Amerock

- HOME FASHIONS

Levolor/Kirsch
-Home Decor Europe
Swish UK

- OTHER

Galphalon
-Cookware Europe
Goody
Graco
Little Tikes
DISCONTINUED-OPERATIONS
-Panex
-Frames Europe
Mirro (formerly part of the Calphalon Division)
-Burnes

- Anchor


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