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Form 8-K  
January 28, 2004

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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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 28, 2004

Chiron Corporation

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Delaware   | 0-12798                     | 94-2754624                           |
| (State or other<br>jurisdiction of<br>incorporation) | (Commission<br>File Number) | (IRS Employer<br>Identification No.) |

4560 Horton Street, Emeryville, CA 94608

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(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (510) 655-8730

N/A

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

Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On January 28, 2004, Chiron Corporation (the "Company") announced via press release the Company's preliminary results for the fourth quarter ended December 31, 2003. A copy of the Company's press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference herein.

The information in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including the exhibit attached hereto, is furnished pursuant to Item 12 and shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section.

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.

CHIRON CORPORATION

Date: January 28, 2004

By: /s/ WILLIAM G. GREEN

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William G. Green

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Senior Vice President,  
General Counsel and  
Secretary