

HON INDUSTRIES INC  
Form 8-K  
December 18, 2003

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 17, 2003

HON INDUSTRIES Inc.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

IOWA  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

0-2648  
(Commission File Number)

42-0617510  
(IRS Employer  
Identification Number)

414 East Third Street, P.O. Box 1109, Muscatine, IA  
(Address of principal executive offices)

52761-0071  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 563/264-7400

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**ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS.**

On December 17, 2003, HON INDUSTRIES Inc. issued a press release relating to signing a purchase agreement to acquire certain assets of Paoli, Inc. and Orleans Corporate Services, Inc., the text of which is filed as Exhibit 99 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated by reference.

**ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND EXHIBITS.**

(a) Financial Statements of Business Acquired: N/A

(b) Pro Forma Financial Information: None

(c) Exhibits.

Exhibit

Number      Exhibit

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99              Text of press release dated December 17, 2003.

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.

HON INDUSTRIES Inc.

Date: December 17, 2003

By: /s/ Jerald K. Dittmer  
Jerald K. Dittmer  
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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