

ETHAN ALLEN INTERIORS INC
Form 8-K
January 20, 2004

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 20, 2004

ETHAN ALLEN INTERIORS INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other
jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-11692
(Commission File Number)

06-1275288
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification Number)

Ethan Allen Drive
Danbury, CT

(Address of principal executive offices)

06811
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(203) 743-8000**

Not Applicable

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

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN REPORT

Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

<u>Exhibit</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press release dated January 20, 2004

Item 12. Disclosure of Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

The information in this Form 8-K and the Exhibit attached hereto shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

On January 20, 2004, Ethan Allen Interiors Inc. (Ethan Allen or the Company) issued a press release setting forth its operating results for the three and six months ended December 31, 2003. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and hereby incorporated by reference.

Exhibit 99.1 includes a reference to certain unaudited, non-GAAP financial information related to the Company's operations for the three and six months ended December 31, 2003, namely the Company's earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA). A reconciliation of this financial measure to the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure is also provided in the attached Exhibit.

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Management considers EBITDA an important indicator of the operational strength and performance of its business, including the ability of the Company to pay interest, service debt and fund capital expenditures. Given the nature of the Company's operations, including the tangible assets necessary to carry out its production and distribution activities, depreciation and amortization represent Ethan Allen's largest non-cash charge. As these non-cash charges do not affect the Company's ability to service debt or make capital expenditures, it is important to consider EBITDA in addition to, but not as a substitute for, operating income, net income and other measures of financial performance reported in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, including cash flow measures such as operating cash flow. Further, EBITDA is one measure used to determine compliance with the Company's existing credit facilities.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: January 20, 2004

ETHAN ALLEN INTERIORS INC.

By: /s/ M. Farooq Kathwari

M. Farooq Kathwari
*Chairman, President and
Chief Executive Officer*

EXHIBIT INDEX

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