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Form 8-K

March 08, 2004

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 2, 2004

INTEGRA LIFESCIENCES HOLDINGS CORPORATION

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 0-26224 51-0317849  
(State or other jurisdiction of (Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer  
incorporation or organization) Identification No.)  
311 Enterprise Drive  
Plainsboro, NJ 08536  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)  
(609)-275-0500  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)  
Not Applicable  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Item 5. Other Events.

On March 2, 2004, the Company's Board of Directors authorized the Company to repurchase up to an additional 1.5 million shares of our common stock for an aggregate purchase price not to exceed \$40.0 million. We may repurchase shares under this program through March 2005 either in the open market or in privately negotiated transactions.

During 2003 and 2002, respectively, we repurchased approximately 1.5 million and 100,000 shares of our common stock under previously authorized share repurchase programs. The repurchase during 2003 occurred contemporaneously with the issuance of \$120 million aggregate principal amount of convertible subordinated notes.

Item 7. Exhibits

None

SIGNATURES

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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.

INTEGRA LIFESCIENCES HOLDINGS CORPORATION

Date: March 8, 2004

By: /s/ Stuart M. Essig

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Stuart M. Essig

President and Chief Executive Officer