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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 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 19, 2004

Aether Systems, Inc. (EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer of incorporation)

Delaware 000-27707 52-2186634

Identification No.)

11460 Cronridge Drive Owings Mills, Maryland 21117 (Address of Principal Executive Offices, including Zip Code)

(410) 654-6400 (Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Item 5. Other Events.

On January 15, 2004, Aether System Inc. announced the resignation of President and Vice Chairman George Davis. A copy of the press release announcing the resignation of Mr. Davis is furnished as Exhibit 99.1.

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

(c) Exhibits

99.1: Press Release of Aether Systems, Inc., dated January 15, 2004.

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SIGNATURES

According 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 on the date set forth below.

AETHER SYSTEMS, INC.

By: /s/ David C. Reymann

By: David C. Reymann Its: Chief Financial Officer

Date: January 19, 2004