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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: July 20, 2004

HERMAN MILLER, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

| Michigan | 001-15141 | 38-0837640 |
|-----------------|--------------|---------------------|
| (State or other | (Commission | IRS Employer |
| jurisdiction of | File Number) | Identification no.) |
| incorporation) | | |

855 East Main Avenue Zeeland, Michigan

49464

(Address of principal executive office)

(Zip Code)

(616) 654-3000

(Registrant s Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Not Applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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Item 5. Other Events

Standard & Poor s Ratings Services issued a press release on July 19, 2004 to revise Herman Miller s outlook to stable from negative. In its release, S&P reported, The outlook revision reflects rising order trends and an improved cost structure for this innovator in office furniture design. They also stated, Several economic factors point to improved demand in the office furniture industry, including lower unemployment, rising corporate profits, and higher capital spending. At the same time, S&P affirmed its BBB corporate credit and BBB senior unsecured debt ratings on the company.

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SIGNATURE

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 thereunto duly authorized.

Dated: July 20, 2004 HERMAN MILLER, INC. (Registrant)

By: <u>/s/ Joseph M. Nowicki</u> Joseph M. Nowicki

Its: Treasurer and Vice President of Investor Relations

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