

CHIRON CORP
Form 8-K
December 20, 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): **December 20, 2004 (December 17, 2004)**

Chiron Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other
jurisdiction of
incorporation)

0-12798
(Commission
File Number)

94-2754624
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

4560 Horton Street, Emeryville, CA
(Address of principal executive offices)

94608
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code **(510) 655-8730**

N/A

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Section 8 Other Events

Item 8.01. Other Events

On December 17, 2004, Chiron Corporation announced via press release that that the Securities and Exchange Commission has declared effective its registration statement on Form S-3 relating to the resale of \$385 million principal amount of its 2-3/4% Convertible Debentures due 2034 and the shares of its common stock issuable upon conversion of the debentures.

A copy of Chiron's press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) *Exhibits*

99.1 Press release issued on December 17, 2004.

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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.

CHIRON CORPORATION
(Registrant)

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Date: December 20, 2004

By: /s/ Ursula B. Bartels
Ursula B. Bartels
Vice President and General Counsel

