

LEE SARA CORP  
Form 8-K  
January 22, 2004

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities and Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): January 22, 2004**

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**Sara Lee Corporation**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

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**Maryland**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**1-3344**  
(Commission File Number)

**36-2089049**  
(IRS Employer Identification  
Number)

**Three First National Plaza, Chicago, Illinois 60602-4260**

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(Address of principal executive offices)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (312) 726-2600**

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**Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 Press release dated January 22, 2004.

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

On January 22, 2004, the Registrant issued a press release announcing its financial results for the second quarter of fiscal year 2004. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report and is incorporated herein by this reference. The information disclosed under this Item 12, including Exhibit 99.1 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 into any filing made under the Securities Act of 1933, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirement 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.

Dated: January 22, 2004

SARA LEE CORPORATION

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(Registrant)

By:

/s/ Wayne R. Szypulski

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Senior Vice President Controller