

METSO CORP
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

Report of Foreign Issuer Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

[February 16, 2004]

Metso Corporation

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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Form 20-F

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes

No

If "Yes" is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g-32(b):82-_____

SIGNATURES

Date February 16, 2004

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf of the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Name:

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Olli Vaartimo
President and CEO
Metso Corporation

Harri Luoto
Senior Vice President,
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SHORT-TERM RATING ON METSO PLACED ON CREDIT WATCH BY STANDARD & POOR S

(Helsinki, Finland, February 16, 2004) Standard & Poor's Ratings Services has placed the A-3 short-term ratings of Metso Corporation (NYSE: MX; HEX: MEO) on Credit Watch with negative implications.

Metso Corporation is a global supplier of process industry machinery and systems, as well as know-how and aftermarket services. The Corporation's core businesses are fiber and paper technology (Metso Paper), rock and mineral processing (Metso Minerals) and automation and control technology (Metso Automation). In 2003, the net sales of Metso Corporation were EUR 4.3 billion and the personnel totaled approximately 27,400. Metso Corporation is listed on the Helsinki and New York Stock Exchanges.

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