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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) August 18, 2004

HAEMONETICS CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Massachusetts

1-10730

04-2882273

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

(Commission File
Number)

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

400 Wood Road Braintree, MA

02184

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (781) 848-7100

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

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Item. 5 OTHER EVENTS AND REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

On August 18, 2004, Haemonetics Corporation (the "Company") announced that its Board of Directors has elected Susan Bartlett Foote and Pedro Granadillo to fill open director seats. The appointments are effective immediately.

Ms. Foote and Mr. Granadillo will serve on the Compensation and Management Development Committee of the Board. Mr. Granadillo will also serve on the Nominating and Governance Committee.

Item. 7 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(c) Exhibits

99.1: Press Release of Haemonetics Corporation dated August 18, 2004

SIGNATURES

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.

(Registrant)

Date: August 18, 2004

By: /s/ Ronald J. Ryan

Ronald J. Ryan, Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

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Exhibit No.	Subject Matter
99.1	Press Release of Haemonetics Corporation dated August 18, 2004.

Haemonetics Elects Susan Foote and Pedro Granadillo to Board of Directors

BRAINTREE, Mass., Aug. 18 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Haemonetics Corporation announced today that its Board of Directors has elected Susan Bartlett Foote and Pedro Granadillo to fill open director seats. Ms. Foote is associate professor and head of the Division of Health Service Research and Policy at the School of Public Health at the University of Minnesota. Mr. Granadillo is senior vice president at Eli Lilly and Company with responsibility over global manufacturing and human resources. The appointments are effective immediately.

In addition to their board responsibilities, Ms. Foote and Mr. Granadillo will serve on the Compensation and Management Development Committee of the Board. Mr. Granadillo will also serve on the Nominating and Governance Committee.

Ronald A. Matricaria, Haemonetics' Chairman, said, "Susan and Pedro bring exceptional strengths and diverse backgrounds that will complement those of our existing Board. Susan has a breadth of experience in healthcare policy, as well as in regulatory and governmental affairs. Pedro has a strong record of leadership in implementing award-winning human resource programs and managing a world-class, rapidly growing global manufacturing organization."

Ms. Foote has been a professor for more than twenty years, at the Haas School of Business at the University of California, Berkeley, and at the University of Minnesota. Previously, Ms. Foote was the Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Fellow in the Office of U.S. Senator Dave Durenberger and a senior health policy analyst. In these roles she participated in comprehensive health reform legislation and issues related to the medical device industry. Most recently, she was president of Public Policy Partners where she focused on policy development, political strategy, lobbying, and advocacy on health issues that included FDA reform, Medicare payment policy, and medical technology policy.

Ms. Foote graduated from Case Western Reserve University with a Bachelor of Arts and a Master of Arts in History. She also has a law degree from Boalt Hall School of Law at the University of California. She has published extensively on public policy and healthcare reform and previously held advisory positions for the Food and Drug Administration and the National Institutes of Health. Ms. Foote currently serves on the boards of Banner Health Systems, Urologix, Inc., and the Park Nicollet Research Institute. She serves on the Medicare Coverage Advisory Committee to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and the Medical Technology Leadership Forum, a think tank on medical technology policy issues.

Mr. Granadillo has been with Eli Lilly and Company since 1970. He held a number of manufacturing positions which included thirteen years in international assignments. He was promoted through a series of positions to become Vice President of Manufacturing, Pharmaceutical Operations. Subsequently, he was named Vice President of Human Resources. Under his leadership Eli Lilly has become recognized as a progressive employer by Working Mother magazine, the U.S. Department of Labor, and Harvard Business Review. In 1998 Mr. Granadillo assumed additional responsibility for global manufacturing and quality operations overseeing more than 20 sites and 13,000 employees worldwide. Mr. Granadillo has announced his retirement from Eli Lilly effective September 30, 2004.

Mr. Granadillo graduated from Purdue University with a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering. He serves on the boards of First Indiana Corporation, a publicly-traded banking company; First Indiana Bank, N.A.; and, Purdue Research Foundation.

Haemonetics Corporation

Haemonetics (NYSE: HAE) is a global company engaged in the design, manufacture and worldwide marketing of automated blood processing systems. These systems address important medical markets: surgical blood salvage, blood component collection, plasma collection, and blood component safety. To learn more about Haemonetics' products and markets, visit its web site at <http://www.haemonetics.com>.

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