

MATTEL INC /DE/
Form 8-K
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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: April 20, 2004

MATTEL, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction

001-05647
(Commission File No.)

95-1567322
(I.R.S. Employer

of corporation)

Identification No.)

333 Continental Boulevard, El Segundo, California
(Address of principal executive offices)

90245-5012
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (310) 252-2000

N/A

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

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(a) Financial statements of businesses acquired: None

(b) Pro forma financial information: None

(c) Exhibits:

This exhibit is furnished pursuant to Items 9 and 12 hereof and should not be deemed to be filed under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

99.0 Press release dated April 20, 2004

Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure and

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

On April 20, 2004, Mattel issued a press release regarding its 2004 first quarter results of operations, a copy of which is furnished as Exhibit 99.0 hereto. This exhibit is incorporated herein by reference.

In its 2004 first quarter press release, Mattel includes a non-GAAP financial measure, gross sales, which it uses to analyze its continuing operations and to monitor, assess and identify meaningful trends in its operating and financial performance.

Net sales, as reported in the consolidated statements of operations, include the impact of sales adjustments, such as trade discounts and other allowances. Gross sales represent sales to customers, excluding the impact of sales adjustments. Consistent with its segment reporting, Mattel presents changes in gross sales as a metric for comparing its aggregate, business unit and geographic results to highlight significant trends in Mattel's business. Changes in gross sales are discussed because most sales adjustments are not allocated to individual brands, making net sales less meaningful. A reconciliation of gross sales to the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure, net sales, is provided in Exhibit II to the press release furnished as Exhibit 99.0 in this Form 8-K.

