

NEWPORT CORP  
Form 8-K  
February 24, 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 EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): February 10, 2004**

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**NEWPORT CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

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**Nevada**  
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

**1791 Deere Avenue, Irvine, California**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**0-1649**  
(Commission File Number)

**94-0849175**  
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

**92606**  
(Zip Code)

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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (949) 863-3144

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**Item 8. Change in Fiscal Year.**

On February 10, 2004, Newport Corporation (the Registrant ) approved a change in its accounting fiscal year end to the Saturday closest to December 31. Effective commencing with the first quarter of 2004, the Registrant's fiscal quarters will end on the Saturday closest to the end of each corresponding calendar quarter. As a result, the Registrant's first, second and third quarters of fiscal year 2004 will end on April 3, 2004, July 3, 2004, October 2, 2004, respectively, and its fiscal year 2004 will end on January 1, 2005. This change in the Registrant's accounting periods will be reflected in the Registrant's quarterly reports on Form 10-Q and annual reports on Form 10-K for all periods ending after its fiscal year ended December 31, 2003.

**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.

February 24, 2004

**NEWPORT CORPORATION**

By: */s/ Jeffrey B. Coyne*

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Jeffrey B. Coyne  
Vice President, General Counsel and

Corporate Secretary