

MENTOR CORP /MN/  
Form 15-12G  
January 26, 2009

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 15

CERTIFICATION AND NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF REGISTRATION UNDER SECTION 12(g) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 OR SUSPENSION OF DUTY TO FILE REPORTS UNDER SECTION 13 AND 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934.

Commission File Number: 005-35178

Mentor Corporation  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

201 Mentor Drive \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ Santa Barbara, California 93111, (800) 525-0245 \_  
(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code,  
of registrant's principal executive offices)

Common Stock, par value \$0.10 per share  
(Title of each class of securities covered by this Form)

None  
(Titles of all other classes of securities for which a duty to file  
reports under section 13(a) or 15(d) remains)

Please place an X in the box(es) to designate the appropriate rule provision(s) relied upon to terminate or suspend the duty to file reports:

Rule 12g-4(a)(1)    x  
Rule 12g-4(a)(2)    o  
Rule 12h-3(b)(1)(i) x  
Rule 12h-3(b)(1)(ii) o  
Rule 15d-6            o

Approximate number of holders of record as of the certification or notice date: 1

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Mentor Corporation has caused this certification/notice to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned duly authorized person.

Date: January 26, 2009

MENTOR CORPORATION

By: /s/ Joseph A. Newcomb

Joseph A. Newcomb  
Vice President, General

Counsel and Secretary