

THORATEC CORP  
Form 8-K  
May 24, 2013

**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): **May 22, 2013**

**THORATEC CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**California**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**000-49798**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**94-2340464**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**6035 Stoneridge Drive**

**Pleasanton, California 94588**

(Address of principal executive offices including zip code)

**(925) 847-8600**

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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**Not Applicable**

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

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 5.07. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.**

At the Thoratec Corporation (the Company) Annual Meeting of Shareholders held on May 22, 2013 (the Annual Meeting), the shareholders of the Company voted on the following three proposals, each of which are described in detail in the Company's definitive proxy statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 9, 2013.

Proposal No. 1: To elect nine directors to serve for the ensuing year or until their successors are elected and qualified:

	<b>For</b>	<b>Number of Votes Withheld</b>	<b>Non Votes</b>
Neil F. Dimick	41,305,852	7,554,880	3,640,836
Gerhard F. Burbach	48,499,988	360,744	3,640,836
J. Daniel Cole	48,259,792	600,940	3,640,836
Steven H. Collis	47,161,609	1,699,123	3,640,836
D. Keith Grossman	48,448,952	411,780	3,640,836
William A. Hawkins, III	47,326,323	1,534,409	3,640,836
Paul A. LaViolette	47,320,044	1,540,688	3,640,836
Daniel M. Mulvena	47,153,142	1,707,590	3,640,836
Todd C. Schermerhorn	48,533,309	327,423	3,640,836

Proposal No. 2: To conduct an advisory vote on the compensation of the Company's named executive officers:

For	45,394,214
Abstain	31,625

Proposal No. 3: Ratification of the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as the Company's independent auditors for its fiscal year ending December 28, 2013:

For	52,278,452
Abstain	5,590

**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.

Dated as of May 24, 2013

**THORATEC CORPORATION**

By:

*/s/ Taylor C. Harris*

Taylor C. Harris

*Vice President and Chief Financial Officer*