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CATERPILLAR INC Form 8-K April 23, 2002

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): April 23, 2002

CATERPILLAR INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-768 37-0602744

(Commission File Number) (IRS Employer I.D. No.)

100 NE Adams Street, Peoria, Illinois 61629

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (309) 675-1000

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

a. Exhibits

Exhibit No. Description

4.1 Form of 6.95% Debentures due 2042

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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 thereunto duly authorized.

CATERPILLAR INC.

April 23, 2002 By: /s/James B. Buda

James B. Buda Vice President

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