

STRYKER CORP
Form 8-K
October 23, 2008

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) **October 23, 2008**

STRYKER CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Michigan
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

0-9165
(Commission
File Number)

38-1239739
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

2825 Airview Boulevard, Kalamazoo, Michigan
(Address of principal executive offices)

49002
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code **269.385.2600**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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| ITEM 8.01 | OTHER EVENTS |
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Stryker Corporation (the Company) issued a press release on October 23, 2008 announcing that its Board of Directors has authorized the Company to repurchase up to \$250 million of its common stock. A copy of this press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

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| ITEM 9.01 | FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS |
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| (d) | Exhibits |
| | 99.1 Press release dated October 23, 2008 |

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.

STRYKER CORPORATION

(Registrant)

October 23, 2008

Date

Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

/s/ DEAN H. BERGY

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(Principal Financial Officer)

EXHIBIT INDEX

99.1 Press release dated October 23, 2008