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January 08, 2004

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D
(Amendment No. 1)*
Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Novoste Corporation

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share

(Title of Class of Securities)

67010C100

(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

Larry N. Feinberg
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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person
Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

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Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP
787 Seventh Avenue
New York, NY 10019-6099
(212) 728-8000

December 31, 2003

(Date of Event which Requires
Filing of this Schedule)

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* The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

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1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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| 1 | NAME OF REPORTING PERSON I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY) | |
| | Larry N. Feinberg | |
| 2 | CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP | (a) [] (b) [X] |
| 3 | SEC USE ONLY | |
| 4 | SOURCE OF FUNDS* | |
| | AF | |
| 5 | CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDING IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) or 2(e) | [] |
| 6 | CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION | |
| | United States | |
| | 7 | SOLE VOTING POWER |
| | | 0 |
| NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH | 8 | SHARED VOTING POWER |
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| | 9 | SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER |
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| | 10 | SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER |
| | | 0 |
| 11 | AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH PERSON | |
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| 12 | CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES* | [] |
| 13 | PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11) | |

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14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
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Oracle Investment Management, Inc.

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) []
(b) [X]

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS*

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5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDING IS REQUIRED PURSUANT
TO ITEMS 2(d) or 2(e) []

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

7 SOLE VOTING POWER

0

NUMBER OF
SHARES
BENEFICIALLY
OWNED BY
EACH
REPORTING
PERSON WITH

8 SHARED VOTING POWER

0

9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

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10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

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11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH PERSON

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12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES* []

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

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Oracle Partners, L.P.

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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

7 SOLE VOTING POWER

0

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH

8 SHARED VOTING POWER

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9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

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10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

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11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH PERSON
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13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)
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Oracle Associates, LLC

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(b) [X]

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS*

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Delaware

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| | 7 | SOLE VOTING POWER |
| | | 0 |
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| SHARES | | 0 |
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| OWNED BY | | 0 |
| EACH | | |
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10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

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This Amendment No. 1 to Schedule 13D (this "Amendment No. 1") is being filed with respect to the shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share ("Common Stock"), of Novoste Corporation, a Florida corporation (the "Company") to amend and restate the Schedule 13D filed with respect to the Common Stock on September 25, 2002 (the "Schedule 13D"). This Amendment No. 1 is being filed to report a change in ownership of the Reporting Persons (as defined herein).

Item 1. Security and Issuer.

This Amendment No. 1 relates to the Common Stock of Novoste Corporation. The Company's principal executive office is located at 3890 Steve Reynolds Blvd., Norcross, Georgia 30093.

Item 2. Identity and Background.

(a) This Amendment No. 1 is being filed by:

(i) Oracle Associates, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Oracle Associates"), which serves as the general partner of Oracle Partners, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("Oracle Partners"), and Oracle Institutional Partners, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("Oracle Institutional" and together with Oracle Partners, the "Partnerships"), with respect to shares of Common Stock directly owned by Oracle Partners and Oracle Institutional;

(ii) Oracle Investment Management, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Investment Manager"), which serves as investment manager to and has investment discretion over the securities held by (A) SAM Oracle Investments Inc., a British Virgin Islands corporation ("SAM Oracle"), (B) Oracle Offshore Limited, a Cayman Islands corporation ("Oracle Offshore" and, together with SAM Oracle, the "Foreign Funds"), and (C) Oracle Investment Management, Inc. Employees Retirement Plan (the "Plan") with respect to shares of Common Stock directly owned by SAM Oracle, Oracle Offshore and the Plan;

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(iii) Mr. Larry N. Feinberg ("Mr. Feinberg"), who serves as the senior managing member of Oracle Associates, is the sole shareholder and president of the Investment Manager and is the trustee of The Feinberg Family Foundation (the "Foundation") with respect to the shares of Common Stock which he may be deemed to beneficially own by virtue of the foregoing relationships; and

(iv) Oracle Partners, with respect to the shares of Common Stock directly owned by Oracle Partners.

Oracle Associates, the Investment Manager, Mr. Feinberg and Oracle Partners are hereinafter sometimes collectively referred to as the "Reporting Persons." Any disclosures herein with respect to persons other than the Reporting Persons are made on information and belief after making inquiry to the appropriate party. The Partnerships, the Foreign Funds and the Plan are hereinafter sometimes collectively referred to as the "Managed Funds."

(b) The business address of each of the Reporting Persons is 200 Greenwich Avenue, Greenwich, Connecticut, 06830.

(c) The principal business of Oracle Associates is to serve as general partner to and exercise investment discretion over securities held by the Partnerships. The principal business of the Investment Manager is to serve as investment manager to, and exercise investment discretion over securities held by, the Foreign Funds and certain other funds or managed accounts. The principal business of Mr. Feinberg is to invest in securities through Oracle Associates, the Investment Manager and certain other entities. The principal business of Oracle Partners is to serve as a private investment entity.

(d) None of the Reporting Persons, nor, to the best of their knowledge, any of their directors, executive officers, general partners or members, has, during the last five years, been convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors).

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(e) None of the Reporting Persons, nor, to the best of their knowledge, any of their directors, executive officers, general partners or members has, during the last five years, been a party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction and as a result of such proceeding was or is subject to a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, federal or state securities laws or finding any violation with respect to such laws.

(f) Oracle Associates, the Investment Manager and Oracle Partners are organized under the laws of the State of Delaware. Mr. Feinberg is a citizen of the United States of America.

Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration.

As of the date hereof, the Reporting Persons own no shares of the Company's Common Stock, as the Reporting Persons have disposed of all such shares previously beneficially owned (such previously owned shares, the "Shares"). The Shares were held by the Partnerships, the Foreign Funds, the Plan and the Foundation and Mr. Feinberg has investment discretion over the activities of these entities through Oracle Associates and the Investment Manager or as trustee of the Foundation. The funds for the purchase of the Shares previously held in the Partnerships came from capital contributions to the Partnerships by their general and limited partners. The funds for the purchase of the Shares

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previously held by the Foreign Funds came from capital contributions to the Foreign Funds by the investors in such funds. The funds for the purchase of the Shares previously held by the Plan and the Foundation came from contributors to the Plan and the Foundation, respectively. The Shares were purchased through margin accounts maintained with Morgan Stanley which may extend margin credit to the Reporting Persons or persons under their investment discretion as and when required to open or carry positions in these margin accounts, subject to applicable Federal margin regulations, stock exchange rules and the firm's credit policies. In such instances, the positions held in the margin accounts are pledged as collateral security for the repayment of debit balances in the accounts.

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Item 4. Purpose of Transaction.

The primary interest of the Reporting Persons in the Shares was to maximize the value of the Managed Funds' and the Foundation's investment in the Company. The Reporting Persons intend to continually review the Company's business affairs, financial position, and future prospects, as well as conditions in the securities markets and general economic and industry conditions. Based on such evaluation, review, and other factors, the Reporting Persons will continue to consider various alternative courses of action and will in the future take such actions with respect to the Managed Funds' and the Foundation's investments in the Company as they deem appropriate.

Such actions may involve the purchase of additional shares of Common Stock and, alternatively, may involve the sale of all or a portion of shares of the Company held by the Managed Funds or the Foundation in the open market or in privately negotiated transactions to one or more financial or strategic purchasers. There can be no assurance, however, that the Reporting Persons will take any of the actions set forth above.

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer.

(a) & (b) Ownership and power over disposition:

A. Mr. Feinberg

(a) Amount beneficially owned: -0-

(b) Percent of class: 0.0% The percentages used herein and in the rest of this Amendment No. 1 are calculated based upon the 16,318,213 shares of Common Stock outstanding as of October 29, 2003, as reported on the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2003.

(c) Number of shares as to which such person has:

(i) Sole power to vote or direct the vote: -0-

(ii) Shared power to vote or direct the vote: -0-

(iii) Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: -0-

(iv) Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: -0-

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B. The Investment Manager

- (a) Amount beneficially owned: -0-
- (b) Percent of class: 0.0%
- (c) Number of shares as to which such person has:
 - (i) Sole power to vote or direct the vote: -0-
 - (ii) Shared power to vote or direct the vote: -0-
 - (iii) Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: -0-
 - (iv) Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: -0-

C. Oracle Associates

- (a) Amount beneficially owned: -0-
- (b) Percent of class: 0.0%
- (c) Number of shares as to which such person has:
 - (i) Sole power to vote or direct the vote: -0-
 - (ii) Shared power to vote or direct the vote: -0-
 - (iii) Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: -0-
 - (iv) Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: -0-

D. Oracle Partners

- (a) Amount beneficially owned: 0
- (b) Percent of class: 0.0%
- (c) Number of shares as to which such person has:
 - (i) Sole power to vote or direct the vote: -0-
 - (ii) Shared power to vote or direct the vote: -0-
 - (iii) Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: -0-
 - (iv) Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: -0-

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(c) The transactions in the shares of the Common Stock that may be deemed to be beneficially owned by a Reporting Person during the 60 days prior to the date of the event which requires the filing of this Amendment No. 1 (the "Event Date") are set forth on Exhibit 1 attached hereto. All such transactions were effected in open market purchases.

(d) If the Reporting Persons were to be deemed a group, each Reporting Person may be deemed to have beneficial ownership over the entire number of shares of Common Stock directly owned by the Partnerships and the Foreign Funds. Each of the Reporting Persons expressly disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares of Common Stock except to the extent otherwise reported herein. Other than as set forth herein, no other person is known to have the right to receive or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, and proceeds from the sale of, the securities reported in this Amendment No. 1.

(e) The Reporting Persons ceased to be the beneficial owners of more than five percent of the total amount of outstanding shares of Common Stock on December 31, 2003.

Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships with Respect to Securities of the Issuer.

Except as otherwise set forth herein, the Reporting Persons do not have any

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contract, arrangement, understanding or relationship with any person with respect to securities of the Company.

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Item 7. Material to be Filed as Exhibits.

Attached hereto as Exhibit 1 is a description of the transactions in the shares of Common Stock that may be deemed to be beneficially owned by the Reporting Persons which were effected between the date 60 days prior to the Event Date and the date hereof.

Exhibit 2 is a Joint Filing Agreement by and among the Reporting Persons, dated as of September 24, 2002, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 1 of the Schedule 13D filed by the Reporting Persons on September 25, 2002.

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SIGNATURES

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of his knowledge and belief, the undersigned certifies that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: January 8, 2004

/s/ Larry N. Feinberg

Larry N. Feinberg

ORACLE ASSOCIATES, LLC

By: /s/ Larry N. Feinberg

Name: Larry N. Feinberg
Title: Managing Member

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ORACLE INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT, INC.

By: /s/ Larry N. Feinberg

Name: Larry N. Feinberg
Title: President

ORACLE PARTNERS, L.P.

By: Oracle Associates, LLC, its
general partner

By: /s/ Larry N. Feinberg

Name: Larry N. Feinberg
Title: Managing Member

[SIGNATURE PAGE TO AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO
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NOVOSTE CORPORATION]