

METRON TECHNOLOGY N V  
Form SC 13G/A  
February 14, 2003

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
(Amendment No. 3)\*

Metron Technology N.V.  
(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock  
(Title and Class of Securities)

N5665B105  
(CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2002  
(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this  
Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which  
this  
Schedule is filed:

- Rule 13d-1(b)  
 Rule 13d-1(c)  
 Rule 13d-1(d)

\*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.

The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall  
not be deemed  
to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities  
Exchange Act of  
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 NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS  
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSONS (entities only)

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Principal Global Investors, LLC

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (See Instructions)

- (a)
- (b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	5	SOLE VOTING POWER	0
	6	SHARED VOTING POWER	0
	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER	0
	8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER	0

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

0

10 CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (See Instructions)

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

0

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (See Instructions)

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Principal Financial Group, Inc.

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NUMBER OF SHARES	5	SOLE VOTING POWER	0
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY	6	SHARED VOTING POWER	0
EACH	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER	0
REPORTING PERSON WITH	8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER	0

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
0

10 CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN  
SHARES (See Instructions)

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)  
0

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (See Instructions)  
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1 NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS  
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSONS (entities only)

Principal Life Insurance Company

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Instructions)

(a)  
(b)

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Iowa

NUMBER OF SHARES	5	SOLE VOTING POWER	0
BENEFICIALLY 1,314,502 OWNED BY	6	SHARED VOTING POWER	
EACH	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER	0
REPORTING PERSON WITH 1,314,502	8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER	

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
1,314,502

10 CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN

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SHARES (See Instructions)

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

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12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (See Instructions)

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Item 1(a). Name of Issuer:

Metron Technology N.V.

Item 1(b). Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:

1350 Old Bayshore Highway, Suite 360  
Burlingame, CA 94010

Item 2(a). Name of Person Filing:

Principal Global Investors, LLC  
Principal Financial Group, Inc.  
Principal Life Insurance Company

Item 2(b). Address of Principal Business Office, or, if None,  
Residence:

Principal Global Investors, LLC  
711 High Street  
Des Moines, IA 50392-0088

Principal Financial Group, Inc.  
711 High Street  
Des Moines, IA 50392-0088

Principal Life Insurance Company  
711 High Street  
Des Moines, IA 50392-0088

Item 2(c). Citizenship:

Principal Global Investors, LLC - State of Delaware  
Principal Financial Group, Inc. - State of Delaware  
Principal Life Insurance Company - State of Iowa

Item 2(d). Title of Class of Securities:

Common Stock

Item 2(e). CUSIP Numbers:

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Item 3. If this statement is filed pursuant to section 240.13d-  
1(b) or 240.13d

2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a:

(c)  Insurance company as defined in section 3(a)(19) of

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the Act

(15 U.S.C. 78c)

(e) [X] An investment adviser in accordance with section 240.13d

1(b)(1)(ii)(E)

(g) [X] A parent holding company or control person in accordance with section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G)

Item 4. Ownership:

(a) Amount Beneficially Owned

0 Shares Common Stock presently held by Principal Global Investors, LLC

0 Shares Common Stock presently held by Principal Financial Group, Inc.

0 Shares Common Stock presently held by Principal Life Insurance Company

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(b) Percent of Class

0 Principal Global Investors, LLC

0 Principal Financial Group, Inc.

0 Principal Life Insurance Company

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

(i) Sole Power to Vote or Direct the Vote

0 Principal Global Investors, LLC

0 Principal Financial Group, Inc.

0 Principal Life Insurance Company

(ii) Shared Power to Vote or Direct the Vote

0 Shares Common Stock presently held by Principal Global Investors, LLC

0 Shares Common Stock presently held by Principal Financial Group, Inc.

0 Shares Common Stock presently held by Principal Life Insurance Company

(iii) Sole Power to Dispose or to Direct the Disposition of

0 Principal Global Investors, LLC

0 Principal Financial Group, Inc.

0 Principal Life Insurance Company

(iv) Shared Power to Dispose or to Direct the Disposition of

0 Shares Common Stock presently held by Principal Global Investors, LLC

0 Shares Common Stock presently held by Principal Financial Group, Inc.

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0 Shares Common Stock presently held by Principal

Life  
Insurance Company

Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class:

[X]

Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another  
Person

N/A

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which  
Acquired the  
Security Being Reported on By the Parent Holding Company

See Exhibit attached

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Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group

N/A

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group

N/A

Item 10(b). Certification

By signing below I certify, to the best of my knowledge and  
belief, the  
securities referred to above were not acquired and are held  
in the ordinary  
course of business and were not acquired and are not held for  
the purpose  
of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control  
of the issuer  
of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in  
connection with  
or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or  
effect.

Signature

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and  
belief, I certify  
that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete  
and correct.

Principal Global Investors, LLC

By /s/ Tim Howald  
Tim Howald, Chief Financial and Compliance Officer

Principal Financial Group, Inc.  
By: Principal Global Investors, LLC

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By /s/ Tim Howald  
Tim Howald, Chief Financial and Compliance Officer

Principal Life Insurance Company  
By: Principal Global Investors, LLC

By /s/ Tim Howald  
Tim Howald, Chief Financial and Compliance Officer

Dated Thursday, January 30, 2003

EXHIBIT 99.1

Principal Global Investors, LLC  
Item 3 Classification:  
(e) Investment Adviser registered under Section 203 of the  
Investment Advisers  
Act of 1940

Principal Life Insurance Company  
Item 3 Classification:  
(c) An Insurance Company as defined in section 3(a)(19) of the Act  
(15 U.S.C. 78)