# 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 21, 2004

# **XEROX CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

New York (State or other 1-4471 (Commission 16-0468020 (IRS Employer

Jurisdiction of incorporation)

File Number)

**Identification No.)** 

800 Long Ridge Road

P. O. Box 1600

Stamford, Connecticut 06904-1600

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (203) 968-3000

#### Not Applicable

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

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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- " Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

#### Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On October 21, 2004, Registrant released its third quarter 2004 earnings and is furnishing a copy of the earnings release to the Securities and Exchange Commission under Item 2.02 of this Current Report on Form 8-K. Attached as Exhibit A to this Report is a copy of Registrant s third quarter 2004 earnings release.

The information contained in this Report and Exhibit A to this Report shall not be deemed filed with the Commission for purposes of Section 18 of the Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liability of that section.

#### **Forward Looking Statements**

The words words anticipate, believe, estimate, expect, intend, will, should and similar expressions, as they relate to Registrant, are into identify forward-looking statements. Such statements reflect Registrant s current views with respect to future events and are subject to certain risks, uncertainties and assumptions. Should one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or should underlying assumptions prove incorrect, actual results may vary materially from those described herein as anticipated, believed, estimated, expected or intended. Registrant does not intend to update these forward-looking statements.

Registrant is making investors aware that such forward-looking statements, because they relate to future events, are by their very nature subject to many important factors, including without limitation those that are included in Registrant s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2004. Such factors could cause actual results to differ materially from those contemplated by the forward-looking statements and other public statements Registrant makes.

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#### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Registrant has duly authorized this Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned duly authorized.

XEROX CORPORATION

By: /s/ Gary R. Kabureck
Gary R. Kabureck

Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer

Date: October 21, 2004

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### EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.	Description
A	Registrant s third quarter 2004 earnings release dated October 21, 2004

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