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July 20, 2004

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): July 19, 2004

Orthofix International N.V. (Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Netherlands Antilles 0-19961 N/A (State or other jurisdiction Commission File Number (I.R.S. Employer of incorporation) Identification Number)

> 7 Abraham de Veerstraat Curacao Netherlands Antilles 011-59-99-465-8525 (Address of principal executive offices and telephone number, including area code)

Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

The following information is furnished pursuant to Item 12, "Results of Operations and Financial Condition." On July 19, 2004, Orthofix International N.V. ("Orthofix") issued a press release announcing, among other things, its preliminary results of operations for the second quarter ended June 30, 2004. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference herein.

Exhibit

99.1 Press release of Orthofix International N.V. dated July 19, 2004

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

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Dated: July 19, 2004

ORTHOFIX INTERNATIONAL N.V.

By: /S/ THOMAS HEIN

Name: Thomas Hein

Title: Chief Financial Officer