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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 16, 2003

Barnes Group Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

1-04801

06-0247840

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

(Commission
File Number)

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

123 Main Street

Bristol, CT

06010

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

(860) 583-7070

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

N/A

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

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Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

The following exhibit is furnished pursuant to Item 12:

Exhibit 99.1: Press Release issued October 16, 2003 announcing the financial results of operations for the third quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2003.

Item 12. Results of Operations and financial Conditions.

On October 16, 2003, Barnes Group Inc. issued a press release announcing the financial results of operations for the third quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2003. A copy is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

The information in this Current Report on 8-K and the exhibit attached hereto shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Exchange Act or Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

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.

Dated: October 16, 2003

BARNES GROUP INC.
(Registrant)

By: /s/ William C. Denninger

William C. Denninger
Senior Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

Exhibit Index

Exhibit No.	Document Description
99.1	Press Release, dated October 16, 2003

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EXHIBIT 99.1

BARNES GROUP INC. [Logo]

News Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
October 16, 2003

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BARNES GROUP ANNOUNCES THIRD QUARTER FINANCIAL RESULTS
- NET SALES INCREASE 13 PERCENT TO \$222 MILLION
- OPERATING INCOME UP 40 PERCENT, NET INCOME INCREASES 29 PERCENT TO
\$9 MILLION
- AEROSPACE ORDERS EXCEED \$51 MILLION, DRIVING ORDER BACKLOG TO \$149 MILLION

BRISTOL, CONNECTICUT, OCTOBER 16, 2003---Barnes Group Inc. (NYSE: B) today announced financial results for the quarter ended September 30, 2003. Net sales for the third quarter of 2003 were \$222.2 million, up 13 percent from \$196.8 million in the third quarter of 2002. The Company reported a 40 percent increase in operating income to \$14.0 million, as net income increased to \$9.0 million, or \$0.38 per diluted share, in the third quarter of 2003, from \$6.9 million, or \$0.36 per diluted share, in the comparable year-ago period. Average diluted shares outstanding were 23.3 million in the quarter ended September 30, 2003, up 21 percent from 19.2 million in the year-ago period.

"Our operating performance this quarter, despite the headwind of a still-sluggish economic climate, clearly demonstrates the returns from investments we continue to make to generate sustainable, profitable growth for our Company," said Edmund M. Carpenter, Barnes Group Inc.'s President and C.E.O. "Going forward, these investments should continue to enhance our top- and bottom-line performance," Carpenter continued.

Sales at Barnes Distribution were \$103.8 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2003, up \$31.8 million, or 44 percent, from \$72.0 million in the quarter ended September 30, 2002. Kar Products, which Barnes Group purchased in February 2003, contributed \$30.8 million of sales in the most recent quarter. Barnes Distribution generated operating profit of \$7.4 million in the third quarter of 2003, up sharply from operating profit of \$2.4 million in the third quarter of 2002.

The improvement in operating profit was driven primarily by the operating profit contribution from Kar Products and higher gross profit margin. Included in Barnes Distribution's operating profit is an incremental year-over-year gain of \$0.9 million from the sale of distribution centers; the gain was essentially offset by approximately \$0.8 million of incremental severance expense.

"This was a solid quarter for Barnes Distribution; beyond tripling operating profit, the integration of Kar is running ahead of our original schedule, and our new sales growth initiatives are performing very well," Carpenter stated. "Our national and regional customer development efforts, e-commerce platforms and new Tier 2 relationships together contributed \$5.9 million in sales to the most recent quarter, up from \$1.8 million last year. We added more than 50 new national and regional customers, bringing to 249 the total new customers gained since January, 2002," Carpenter added.

Carpenter continued, "During the quarter, we continued to integrate Kar Products into Barnes Distribution, achieving a number of milestones. As a result of the progress we have made to date, we believe that Kar will be substantially integrated in the United States by the end of the year, and the integration in Canada, which includes the construction of a new distribution center, will be completed in the first half of 2004."

Sales at Associated Spring were \$81.1 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2003, up slightly compared with sales of \$80.9 million in the quarter ended September 30, 2002. The increase reflected higher sales of nitrogen gas springs and products for industrial markets, combined with the positive impact on sales from foreign currency translation. These were essentially offset by a decline in sales related to the North American light vehicle market.

Associated Spring's operating profit was \$4.9 million for the third quarter of 2003, down from \$6.5 million in the third quarter of 2002. Operating profit was positively impacted by the benefits from the 2002 closure of Associated Spring's Dallas, Texas facility. This was more than offset by certain incrementally higher personnel costs, including pension and severance expenses totaling approximately \$1.0 million, and a \$0.5 million reduction in the carrying value of the Dallas facility, which is currently held for sale.

Carpenter commented, "Associated Spring continues to successfully leverage higher-growth segments of its key markets, such as nitrogen gas springs and the non-U.S. automakers, to offset sales declines with some domestic customers. Although this business remains quite profitable, during the third quarter we began taking additional actions aimed at improving operating margins to be more in line with historical levels."

Sales at Barnes Aerospace were \$39.4 million for the third quarter of 2003, down from \$45.8 million in the third quarter of 2002. Operating profit was \$2.0 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2003, up from \$1.4 million in the comparable year-ago period, reflecting the benefit of cost reduction efforts taken during 2002, productivity and efficiency improvements and the absence of \$0.7 million in severance that occurred in the 2002 period. These positives were offset in part by the sales volume decline.

Barnes Aerospace recorded orders of \$51.7 million during the third quarter of 2003, up 32 percent from \$39.1 million in the comparable year-ago period. Backlog increased to \$149.3 million, up four percent from \$143.0 million at September 30, 2002. Military orders were \$18.1 million, or 35 percent of the orders received in the most recent quarter; this included direct military orders that were particularly strong at \$9.8 million. Barnes Aerospace also received approximately \$10.3 million in orders related to a

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large commercial engine program that will enter service in early 2004.

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"It would appear that we have turned the corner at Barnes Aerospace from a very challenging post-9/11 environment," Carpenter stated. "As a result of the efforts taken to position the business for this difficult part of the aerospace cycle, we are continuing to report solid operating results. With the strong orders generated this past quarter, Barnes Aerospace is very well positioned for top- and bottom-line growth in 2004," Carpenter added.

William C. Denninger, Barnes Group Inc.'s Chief Financial Officer, commented, "In addition to a strong operating performance in the third quarter, we further strengthened our balance sheet by reducing borrowings at September 30, 2003 by approximately \$9 million compared to June 30, while at the same time increasing cash by \$12 million, to \$63 million. Our debt-to-capitalization ratio at quarter-end was 45 percent, which is within our targeted leverage range."

For the first nine months of 2003, Barnes Group's net sales were \$670.5 million, up 12 percent from \$600.4 million in the same period a year ago. Net income was \$26.1 million, or \$1.21 per diluted share, for the nine months ended September 30, 2003, up 17 percent from \$22.3 million, or \$1.17 per diluted share, in the same period of 2002.

Barnes Group will conduct a conference call with investors to discuss third quarter 2003 results on Thursday, October 16, 2003 at 12:00 PM ET. A webcast of the live call, supporting materials and an archived replay will be available on the Barnes Group investor relations website (ir.barnesgroupinc.com).

Barnes Group Inc. (www.barnesgroupinc.com) is a diversified international manufacturer of precision metal components and assemblies and a distributor of industrial supplies, serving a wide range of markets and customers. Founded in 1857 and headquartered in Bristol, Connecticut, Barnes Group consists of three businesses with 2002 sales of \$784 million: Associated Spring, one of the world's largest manufacturers of precision mechanical and nitrogen gas springs and a global supplier of retaining rings and injection-molded plastic components; Barnes Aerospace, a manufacturer and repairer of highly-engineered assemblies and components for commercial and military aircraft engines, airframes, and land-based industrial gas turbines; and Barnes Distribution, an international, full-service distributor of maintenance, repair and operating supplies. Over 6,100 dedicated employees at more than 60 locations worldwide contribute to Barnes Group Inc.'s success.

This release may contain certain forward-looking statements as defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties that may cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in the statements. Investors are encouraged to consider these risks and uncertainties as described within the Company's periodic filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including the following: the ability of the Company to integrate newly acquired businesses and to realize acquisition synergies on schedule; changes in market demand for the types of products and services produced and sold by Barnes Group; the Company's success in identifying, and attracting customers in, new markets; the Company's ability to develop new and enhanced products to meet customers' needs timely; the effectiveness of the Company's marketing and sales programs; increased competitive activities

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including pricing, advertising and promotions that could adversely affect customer demand for the Company's products; changes in economic, political and public health conditions, worldwide and in the locations where the Company does business; interest and foreign exchange rate fluctuations; and regulatory changes.

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BARNES GROUP INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME
(Dollars in thousands, except per share data)
(Unaudited)

	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2003	2002	2003	2002
Net sales	\$222,160	\$196,799	\$670,481	\$600,420
Cost of sales	143,651	134,524	432,193	407,028
Selling and administrative expenses	64,470	52,256	195,054	158,054
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	208,121	186,780	627,247	565,082
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Operating income	14,039	10,019	43,234	35,338
Other income	613	2,156	2,293	3,357
Interest expense	3,961	3,877	12,206	10,895
Other expenses	13	167	990	378
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Income before income taxes	10,678	8,131	32,331	27,422
Income taxes	1,725	1,215	6,272	5,073
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Net income	\$ 8,953	\$ 6,916	\$ 26,059	\$ 22,349
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Per common share:				
Net income				
Basic	\$.40	\$.37	\$ 1.24	\$ 1.20
Diluted	.38	.36	1.21	1.17
Dividends	.20	.20	.60	.60
Average common shares outstanding				
Basic	22,561,901	18,839,580	21,038,719	18,697,265
Diluted	23,257,839	19,150,751	21,531,951	19,156,896

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BARNES GROUP INC.
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(Dollars in thousands)
(Unaudited)

	September 2003	September 2002
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Assets		
Current assets		
Cash and short-term investments	\$ 63,253	\$ 38,923
Accounts receivable	128,282	111,216
Inventories	105,704	85,413
Deferred income taxes and prepaid expenses	28,826	28,092
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Total current assets	326,065	263,644
Deferred income taxes	21,966	7,342
Property, plant and equipment	152,392	160,950
Goodwill	220,092	169,529
Other assets	99,938	71,712
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	\$820,453	\$673,177
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Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity		
Current liabilities		
Notes payable	\$ 2,000	\$ --
Accounts payable	93,265	68,526
Accrued liabilities	81,860	63,494
Long-term debt - current	24,794	8,227
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Total current liabilities	201,919	140,247
Long-term debt	216,229	234,345
Deferred income taxes	6,496	6,840
Other liabilities	93,714	74,300
Stockholders' equity	302,095	217,445
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	\$820,453	\$673,177
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