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Form 8-K  
April 23, 2003

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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FORM 8-K

Current Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the

THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report: April 22, 2003

BUTLER MANUFACTURING COMPANY

Butler Manufacturing Company  
1540 Genessee Street  
Kansas City, Missouri 64102  
Phone (816) 968-3000

Incorporated in the State of Delaware

Commission File No. 001-12335

I.R.S. Employer Identification Number: 44-0188420

ITEM 5. METAL BUILDINGS PLANT TO BE ESTABLISHED IN NORTHEAST MEXICO

On April 22, 2003, Butler Manufacturing Company announced that it will establish a new manufacturing plant in Monterrey, Mexico to produce frames and its long-bay structural system known as Landmark 2000.

The new facility will enable the company to be more competitive in both costs and service, while establishing a basis for future growth in the years ahead, especially in Latin American markets. The plant will primarily serve building markets throughout Mexico and Latin America, but also markets in the United States as well.

The 120,000 square foot plant will be leased by the company and is expected to be operational in the fourth quarter of 2003. The company's investment in equipment for the facility will be approximately \$4 million. When fully staffed, the operation will employ approximately 200 associates. The company currently has an engineering and sales office in Mexico City, and a sales office in Monterrey, Mexico and Santiago, Chile.

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SIGNATURES

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

BUTLER MANUFACTURING COMPANY

April 22, 2003  
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Date

/s/ Larry C. Miller  
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Larry C. Miller  
Vice President - Finance, and  
Chief Financial Officer

April 22, 2003  
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Date

/s/ John W. Huey  
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John W. Huey  
Vice President, General  
Counsel and Secretary