

STRYKER CORP
Form 10-K/A
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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-K/A

(Amendment No. 1)

**ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007

OR

**TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission file number: 000-09165

STRYKER CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Michigan

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

38-1239739

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

2825 Airview Boulevard, Kalamazoo, Michigan

(Address of principal executive offices)

49002

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(269) 385-2600**

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

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| <u>Title of each class</u> | <u>Name of each exchange on which registered</u> |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Common Stock, \$.10 par value | New York Stock Exchange |

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act.

YES NO

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Act.

YES NO

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

YES NO

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K/A or any amendment to this Form 10-K/A.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer

Smaller reporting company

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act).

YES NO

Based on the closing sales price of June 30, 2007, the aggregate market value of the voting stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant was approximately \$18,577,538,118.

The number of shares outstanding of the registrant's Common Stock, \$.10 par value, was 411,183,514 at January 31, 2008.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Portions of the proxy statement to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission relating to the 2008 Annual Meeting of Shareholders (the "2008 proxy statement") are incorporated by reference into Part III.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Form 10-K/A is filed with respect to the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007 that was filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on February 28, 2007 (the "original Form 10-K") in order to correct the list of executive officers within Item 10 of the original Form 10-K.

Except as described above, no other changes have been made to the original Form 10-K. This amendment does not modify or update disclosures in the original Form 10-K or reflect events subsequent to the filing of the original Form 10-K. Accordingly, this Form 10-K/A should be read in conjunction with the original Form 10-K.

PART III**ITEM 10. DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

Information regarding the directors of the Company and certain corporate governance and other matters appearing under the captions "Information About the Board of Directors and Corporate Governance Matters," "Proposal 1 - Election of Directors," "Audit Committee" and "Additional Information - Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance" in the 2008 proxy statement is incorporated herein by reference.

Information regarding the executive officers of the Company appears below. All officers are appointed annually. Reported ages are as of January 31, 2008.

Stephen P. MacMillan, age 44, was appointed President and Chief Operating Officer of the Company in June 2003 and Chief Executive Officer as of January 1, 2005. Prior to joining the Company, he was most recently Sector Vice President, Global Specialty Operations for Pharmacia Corporation, which he joined in 1999. Prior to Pharmacia, he spent 11 years at Johnson & Johnson ("J&J"), most recently as President of Johnson & Johnson-Merck Consumer Pharmaceuticals, a joint venture between J&J and Merck. Prior to joining J&J, he held various marketing positions at Procter & Gamble.

Dean H. Bergy, age 48, was appointed Vice President and Chief Financial Officer in January 2003 and was the Vice President, Finance of the Company since October 1998. He had previously been Vice President, Finance of the Stryker Medical division since October 1996 and Controller of the Company from June 1994. Prior to joining the Company in June 1994, he was a Senior Manager with Ernst & Young LLP.

Andrew G. Fox-Smith, age 42, was appointed President, International and a corporate officer of the Company in January 2008. He had previously been President, Pacific since 2005, Vice President and General Manager, Stryker Pacific since 2001 and Managing Director, UK/Ireland/South Africa since 1999. Prior to the acquisition of Howmedica in 1998, he held various sales positions with the Howmedica division of Pfizer since 1994.

Curtis E. Hall, age 51, was appointed Vice President and General Counsel of the Company in June, 2004. He had previously been General Counsel for the Company since 1994. Prior to joining the Company, he was a partner in the

Michigan law firm of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, an Assistant United States Attorney in Washington, D.C. and an Assistant District Attorney in New York City.

Stephen Si Johnson, age 51, was appointed Vice President of the Company in February 2000 and was appointed Group President, MedSurg in September 1999. He had previously been President of Stryker Instruments since 1995. After joining the Company in 1980 he held various sales and marketing positions in the MedSurg Group and was appointed General Manager of Stryker Instruments in 1992 and Executive Vice President of Stryker Instruments in 1994.

James E. Kemler, age 50, was appointed Vice President of the Company in August 2001 and was appointed Group President, Stryker Biotech, Osteosynthesis and Development in January 2008. He had previously been President of Stryker Biotech since 1996 and General Manager of Stryker Biotech since October 1995. Prior to joining the Company in October 1995, he spent 11 years with Baxter International Inc. in a variety of

marketing, manufacturing and financial management positions, which included three years at Baxter's German subsidiary.

Michael W. Rude, age 46, was appointed Vice President, Human Resources of the Company in July 2000. Prior to joining the Company, he served as Vice President of Human Resources for the SCIMED Division of Boston Scientific Corporation. Prior to that he held various positions as Vice President, Human Resources within The Dun & Bradstreet Corporation and spent eight years in various Human Resources positions at Baxter International, Inc.

The Corporate Governance Guidelines adopted by the Company's Board of Directors, as well as the charters of each of the Audit Committee, the Governance and Nominating Committee, the Compensation Committee and the Code of Ethics applicable to the principal executive officer, principal financial officer and principal accounting officer or controller or persons performing similar functions is available, free of charge, under the "Investors - Corporate Governance" section of the Company's website at www.stryker.com. Print copies of such documents are available, free of charge, upon written request sent to the Secretary of the Company at 2825 Airview Boulevard, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49002.

PART IV

ITEM 15. EXHIBITS, FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES

(a) 3. Exhibits

A list of exhibits required to be filed as part of this report is set forth in the Exhibit Index, which immediately precedes such exhibits, and is incorporated herein by reference.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) 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.

March 3, 2008

STRYKER CORPORATION

/s/ DEAN H. BERGY

Dean H. Bergy, Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer)

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit 31 -Rule 13a-14(a) Certifications

- (i) Certification of Principal Executive Officer of Stryker Corporation.
- (ii) Certification of Principal Financial Officer of Stryker Corporation.

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