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Form 8-K
September 01, 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): August 31, 2004

THE L.S. STARRETT COMPANY
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Massachusetts | 1-367 | 04-1866480 |
| (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) | (Commission File Number) | (IRS Employer Identification No.) |

121 CRESCENT STREET, ATHOL, MASSACHUSETTS 01331
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number: 978-249-3551

(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 Information A.2. below):

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

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Item 8.01 Other Events.

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On August 31, 2004, The L.S. Starrett Company (the "Company") issued a press release (the "Press Release") announcing that it had reached a settlement with the U.S. Department of Justice which will result in the termination of the government's two-year investigation of the Company's Coordinate Measuring Machine division and the dismissal with prejudice of the false claims allegations in the qui tam complaint brought by a former independent contractor and former employee of the Company that gave rise to the investigation. A copy of the Press Release is being filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits:

99.1 Press release dated August 31, 2004

SIGNATURE

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.

THE L.S. STARRETT COMPANY

Date: August 31, 2004

By: s/ ROGER U. WELLINGTON, JR.
Name: Roger U. Wellington, Jr.
Title: Vice President, Treasurer and
Chief Financial Officer