

BARNWELL INDUSTRIES INC  
Form 8-K  
December 17, 2003

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, DC 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): **December 16, 2003**

**BARNWELL INDUSTRIES, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**DELAWARE**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**1-5103**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**72-0496921**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**1100 Alakea Street, Suite 2900, Honolulu, Hawaii**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**96813**  
(Zip Code)

**(808) 531-8400**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

ITEM 5. Other Events

Barnwell Industries, Inc. issued a press release on December 16, 2003 regarding the appointment of a new director and promotions, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Exhibit 99.1          Press Release dated December 16, 2003.

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 thereunto duly authorized.

BARNWELL INDUSTRIES, INC.  
(Registrant)

/s/ Russell M. Gifford

Russell M. Gifford

Executive Vice President and

Chief Financial Officer

Date: December 16, 2003