

MOTHERS WORK INC
Form 8-K
November 25, 2003

**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): **November 19, 2003**

MOTHERS WORK, INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation or Organization)

0-21196
Commission
File number

13-3045573
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification Number)

**456 North 5th Street
Philadelphia, PA 19123**
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(215) 873-2200
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press Release issued by Mothers Work, Inc. on November 19, 2003

Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On November 19, 2003, Mothers Work, Inc. (Mothers Work or the Company) issued a press release and held a broadly accessible conference call to discuss its financial results for its fourth fiscal quarter and fiscal year ended September 30, 2003. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

The press release and the comments by Mothers Work during the conference call contained non-GAAP financial measures within the meaning of the Securities and Exchange Commission's Regulation G. For purposes of Regulation G, a non-GAAP financial measure is a numerical measure of a registrant's historical or future financial performance, financial position or cash flows that excludes amounts, or is subject to adjustments that have the effect of excluding amounts, that are included in the most directly comparable measure calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP in the statement of income, balance sheet or statement of cash flows (or equivalent statements) of the issuer; or includes amounts, or is subject to adjustments that have the effect of including amounts, that are excluded from the most directly comparable measure so calculated and presented. Mothers Work believes that the non-GAAP financial measure EBITDA (earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization) and the measure selling, general and administrative (SG&A) expenses excluding depreciation and amortization, together with the percentage of net sales represented by these measures, provide useful information about the Company's results of operations to both investors and management because they constitute informative gauges of operating profitability. These measures provide information that the Company believes investors and securities research analysts in retailing and other businesses view as important and commonly use to evaluate the Company's financial performance and prospects for the future, and to make investment decisions. These measures are also significant to institutional lenders, and they are considered important internal benchmarks of performance by the Company. Also, Mothers Work believes that the non-GAAP financial measures net income and earnings per share excluding refinancing charges for the fourth quarter and full year periods of 2002 are meaningful indicators of the Company's operating performance and useful for investors in assessing such performance because they exclude amounts that are not necessarily related to normal operating results. The Company uses these non-GAAP measures in connection with evaluating ongoing operations and internally comparing later results to the results from these prior periods. All non-GAAP financial measures should be considered in addition to, and not as a substitute for, or superior to, GAAP measures.

The information in this report shall not be treated as filed for purposes of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned duly authorized.

Date: November 25, 2003

MOTHERS WORK, INC.

By: /s/ Edward M. Krell
 Edward M. Krell
 Senior Vice President - Chief Financial
 Officer

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