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THOMAS INDUSTRIES INC  
Form 8-K  
April 16, 2003

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) April 16, 2003

THOMAS INDUSTRIES INC.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-5426  
(Commission File Number)

61-0505332  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

4360 Brownsboro Road, Suite 300 Louisville, Kentucky

(Address of principal executive offices)

40207  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code  
502/893-4600

N/A  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

ITEM 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit Number	Description
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99.1	Press Release dated April 16, 2003 announcing first quarter 2003 earnings by Thomas Industries Inc.

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ITEM 9. Regulation FD Disclosure.

The following information is furnished pursuant to Item 9, "Regulation FD Disclosure" and Item 12, "Disclosure of Results of Operations and Financial Condition."

On April 16, 2003, Thomas Industries issued a press release setting forth Thomas Industries Inc.'s first quarter 2003 earnings. A copy of the press release is filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and hereby incorporated by reference.

SIGNATURES

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.

THOMAS INDUSTRIES INC.  
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Phillip J. Stuecker

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Phillip J. Stuecker, Vice President of  
Finance, Chief Financial Officer, and  
Secretary

Dated: April 16, 2003