

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report: October 8, 2003
Date of Earliest Event Reported: October 8, 2003

BOISE CASCADE CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	1-5057 (Commission File Number)	82-0100960 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
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1111 West Jefferson Street P.O. Box 50 Boise, Idaho (Address of principal executive offices)	83728-0001 (Zip Code)
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208/384-6161
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits.

Exhibit 99 Boise Cascade Corporation press release dated
October 8, 2003

Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On October 8, 2003, Boise Cascade Corporation issued a press release pre-announcing third-quarter 2003 financial results. A copy of this press release is attached as Exhibit 99.

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.

BOISE CASCADE CORPORATION

By /s/ Karen E. Gowland

Karen E. Gowland
Vice President and Corporate Secretary

Date: October 8, 2003

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For Immediate Release: October 8, 2003

BOISE PRE-ANNOUNCES THIRD QUARTER 2003 FINANCIAL RESULTS

BOISE, Idaho -- Boise Cascade Corporation (NYSE:BCC) announced today that it expects to report third quarter 2003 earnings of 40 cents to 44 cents per diluted share from operations. The company will report third-quarter earnings on October 21.

Third-quarter sales in Boise Office Solutions strengthened from second-quarter levels, as they typically have in prior years. Same-location sales growth comparisons continued their positive trend of recent quarters.

In building products markets, Boise Building Solutions experienced sharply higher results in the third quarter, as the building season peaked.

In our paper business, market conditions continued to be sluggish, with lower average paper prices offset by higher unit sales volumes and lower unit costs. Boise Paper Solutions' performance in the third quarter is expected to be similar to second-quarter results.

OUTLOOK

In fourth quarter 2003, we expect the year-over-year same-location sales comparison in Boise Office Solutions to remain positive, and results should be similar to third-quarter performance. We expect building products markets to weaken seasonally and Boise Building Solutions to post lower results in the fourth quarter than in the third quarter. Finally, in our paper business, we expect market conditions to continue to be lackluster. Boise Paper Solutions' performance in the fourth quarter is likely to be similar to that of the third quarter.

Boise delivers office, building, and paper solutions that help our customers to manage productive offices and construct well-built homes -- two of the most important activities in our society. Boise's 24,000 employees help people work more efficiently, build more effectively, and create new ways to meet business challenges. Boise also provides constructive solutions for environmental conservation by managing natural resources for the benefit of future generations. Boise had sales of \$7.4 billion in 2002. Visit the Boise website at www.bc.com.

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

The Outlook section of this release includes forward-looking statements. These statements are subject to a number of risk factors that could cause actual results to differ from those projected. Those factors include, among other things, changes in foreign or domestic competition; changes in the condition of both foreign and domestic economies; changes in market demand for the company's products, which may be influenced by economic vitality; changes in production capacity across paper and wood products markets; the number of housing starts affected by changing interest rates; changes in cost structure; and other factors included in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.