

THORATEC CORP  
Form 8-K  
April 27, 2015

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**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 27, 2015**

**THORATEC CORPORATION**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

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

**000-49798**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**94-2340464**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**6035 Stoneridge Drive, Pleasanton, California**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**94588**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code **(925) 847-8600**

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  - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 5.03. Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year.**

On April 27, 2015, the Board of Directors (the Board ) of Thoratec Corporation (the Company ) approved and adopted an amended and restated version of the Company's bylaws (the Amended Bylaws ). The Amended Bylaws further refine the eligibility requirements of director nominees by removing the requirement from the prior bylaws of the Company that in order to be eligible to be a nominee for election as a director of the Company, a candidate must have previously delivered to the Secretary of the Company a written representation and agreement that such candidate for nomination is not, and will not become party to, any agreement, arrangement or understanding with any person or entity other than the [Company] with respect to any direct or indirect compensation, reimbursement or indemnification in connection with service or action as a director. No other changes were made to the Amended Bylaws.

The foregoing summary does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Amended Bylaws, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 3.1 and incorporated herein by reference. A marked copy of the Amended Bylaws, showing all of the changes, is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

3.1 Third Amended and Restated Bylaws of Thoratec Corporation, as amended and restated on April 27, 2015

99.1 Third Amended and Restated Bylaws of Thoratec Corporation, as amended and restated on April 27, 2015, marked to show all changes

**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.

**THORATEC CORPORATION**

Date: April 27, 2015

By:

/s/ David A. Lehman  
David A. Lehman  
Senior Vice President, General Counsel  
and Secretary

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