Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of

incorporation or organization)

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

	Washington, D.C. 20549	
	Form 8-K	
	Current Report	
	suant to Section 13 or 15(d) of ecurities Exchange Act of 1934	
	April 22, 2004	
	Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)	
DURE	CT CORPORATIO	N
(Exact na	ame of Registrant as specified in its charter)	
	000-31615 (Commission File Number)	94-3297098 (I.R.S. Employer

10240 Bubb Road

Identification No.)

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Cupertino, CA 95014

 $(Address\ of\ principal\ executive\ offices)\ (Zip\ code)$

(408) 777-1417

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

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

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Item 5 and Item 12. Other Events and Required FD Disclosure; Results of Operation and Financial Condition.

On April 22, 2004, DURECT Corporation, a Delaware corporation ($\underline{DUREC}T$), announced its financial results for the three months ended March 31, 2004.

A copy of DURECT s press release announcing its financial results is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and incorporated by reference herein.

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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.

Date: April 22, 2004

DURECT Corporation

By: /s/ James E. Brown

James E. Brown President and Chief Executive Officer

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Exhibit Number	Description	
99.1	Press Release of DURECT Corporation dated April 22, 2004	