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February 11, 2002

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): February 1, 2002

Regal-Beloit Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Wisconsin	1-7283	39-0875718
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(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

200 State Street, Beloit, Wisconsin 53511-6254

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(608) 364-8800

(Registrant's telephone number)

Item 5. Other Events.

On or about February 1, 2002, an action was filed in the United States District Court for the Central District of Illinois against Regal-Beloit Corporation (the "Company") and its Ohio Gear division ("Ohio Gear"). The plaintiffs in the litigation allege that in 1998 and 1999 Ohio Gear supplied defective differential assemblies that were used in transaxles manufactured by the plaintiffs. The alleged defect relates to a component part that Ohio Gear had sourced from a third party supplier. The plaintiffs allege that they have incurred damages in excess of \$3.2 million, including repair and replacement costs, lost profits, and loss of goodwill. The plaintiffs seek recovery of \$3.2 million plus fees and expenses.

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The Company believes it has both the right to recover costs that it incurs in the litigation from the third party supplier of the defective component part and defenses to the bulk of the plaintiffs' claims. The Company intends to defend its position vigorously in the litigation and to pursue recovery from the third party supplier to the extent that the Company incurs costs in connection with this matter. Given the preliminary stage of the process, the Company cannot currently predict the ultimate outcome of the litigation.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (a) Not applicable.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) Exhibits. None.

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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.

REGAL-BELOIT CORPORATION

Date: February 11, 2002

By: /s/ Kenneth F. Kaplan

Kenneth F. Kaplan
Vice President, Chief Financial Officer
and Secretary

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