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April 21, 2004

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

Current Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the

THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report: April 21, 2004

BUTLER MANUFACTURING COMPANY

Butler Manufacturing Company
1540 Genessee Street
P.O. Box 419917
Kansas City, Missouri 64102
Phone (816) 968-3000

Incorporated in the State of Delaware

Commission File No. 001-12335

I.R.S. Employer Identification Number: 44-0188420

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS

On April 21, 2004, Butler Manufacturing Company, a Delaware corporation ("Butler"), mailed a letter to its stockholders with respect to the merger with BSL Acquisition Corporation, a wholly-owned subsidiary of BlueScope Steel Limited. Butler's letter is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

ITEM 7. EXHIBITS

- 99.1 Butler Manufacturing Company's letter to stockholders dated April 21, 2004.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirement of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

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Date

/s/ Larry C. Miller

Larry C. Miller
Vice President - Finance, and
Chief Financial Officer

April 21, 2004

Date

/s/ John W. Huey

John W. Huey
Vice President, General Counsel
and Secretary

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