

HILLENBRAND INDUSTRIES INC

Form 8-K

February 17, 2004

**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 13, 2004**

**HILLENBRAND INDUSTRIES, INC.**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Indiana**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**1-6651**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**35-1160484**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**700 State Route 46 East**  
**Batesville, Indiana**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**47006-8835**  
(Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (812) 934-7000**

**Not Applicable**  
(Former name or former address,  
if changed since last report.)

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**Item 5. OTHER EVENTS.**

On February 13, 2004, the Company announced that it had reached a definitive agreement for the sale of its wholly-owned subsidiary, Forethought Financial Services, Inc. and its subsidiaries ( Forethought ), a specialty insurance holding company serving the pre-need financial services market, to FFS Holdings, Inc., an acquisition vehicle formed by The Devlin Group, LLC. Total nominal consideration for the transaction is expected to approximate \$280 million, including certain Forethought assets retained by Hillenbrand. This announcement is more fully described in the press release filed as Exhibit 99 to this Current Report of Form 8-K. The contents of such Exhibit are incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.**

(c) Exhibit.

99 Press release dated February 13, 2004 issued by the Company.

**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.

**HILLENBRAND INDUSTRIES, INC.**

DATE: February 17, 2004

BY: /S/ Scott K. Sorensen

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Scott K. Sorensen  
Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

DATE: February 17, 2004

BY: /S/ Gregory N. Miller

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Gregory N. Miller  
Vice President Controller and  
Chief Accounting Officer

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Exhibit Description</u>
99	Press release dated February 13, 2004 issued by the Company.