

CHIRON CORP  
Form 8-K  
December 20, 2004

**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): **December 20, 2004 (December 17, 2004)**



# Chiron Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

**0-12798**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**94-2754624**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**4560 Horton Street, Emeryville, CA**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**94608**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code **(510) 655-8730**

N/A

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

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Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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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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**Section 8 Other Events**

**Item 8.01. Other Events**

On December 17, 2004, Chiron Corporation announced via press release that that the Securities and Exchange Commission has declared effective its registration statement on Form S-3 relating to the resale of \$385 million principal amount of its 2-3/4% Convertible Debentures due 2034 and the shares of its common stock issuable upon conversion of the debentures.

A copy of Chiron's press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**



(c) *Exhibits*

99.1 Press release issued on December 17, 2004.

**SIGNATURE**

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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.

**CHIRON CORPORATION**  
(Registrant)



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Date: December 20, 2004

By: /s/ Ursula B. Bartels  
Ursula B. Bartels  
Vice President and General Counsel

