

HILLENBRAND INDUSTRIES INC

Form 8-K

September 30, 2002

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**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): September 27, 2002

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 September 27, 2002, the Company announced that the jury delivered a verdict against the Company and its Hill-Rom business unit in an antitrust lawsuit filed by Kinetic Concepts, Inc. (KCI). The Company disagrees with the verdict and intends to appeal. The jury awarded KCI \$173.6 million in damages, subject to trebling if the jury award is upheld by the court, along with undetermined attorney's fees. This announcement is more fully described in the press release filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K. The contents of such Exhibit are incorporated herein by reference.

Item 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibit.

99.1 Press release dated September 27, 2002 issued by the Company.

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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.

HILLENBRAND INDUSTRIES, INC

DATE: September 27, 2002

BY: /s/ Scott K. Sorensen

Scott K. Sorensen
Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

DATE: September 27, 2002

BY: /s/ Gregory N. Miller

Gregory N. Miller
Vice President and Controller

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