

UNITED STATES
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): August 18, 2004

CONMED CORPORATION
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

----- New York ----- (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	----- 0-16093 ----- (Commission File Number)	----- 16-0977505 ----- (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
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525 French Road
Utica, New York 13502

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(315) 797-8375

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Item 5. Other Events

On August 18, 2004, CONMED Corporation (Nasdaq: CNMD) announced that it had entered into an agreement to acquire certain products comprising the Endoscopic Technologies Division of C.R. Bard, Inc. (NYSE: BCR). The acquired assets consist of a comprehensive line of single-use medical devices employed by gastro-intestinal (GI) and pulmonary physicians to diagnose and treat diseases of the digestive tract and lungs using minimally invasive endoscopic techniques.

CONMED Corporation intends to finance the acquisition using approximately \$30 million of its cash on hand and borrowings under its revolving credit facility.

SIGNATURE

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 thereunto duly authorized.

CONMED CORPORATION
(Registrant)

By:/s/ Robert D. Shallish, Jr.

Vice President-Finance and
Chief Financial Officer

Date: August 20, 2004