

SERVICE CORPORATION INTERNATIONAL

Form 8-K

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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 2, 2004

SERVICE CORPORATION INTERNATIONAL

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Texas | 1-6402-1 | 74-1488375 |
| (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) | (Commission file number) | (I. R. S. employer identification number) |
| 1929 Allen Parkway, Houston, Texas | 77019 | |
| (Address of principal executive offices) | (Zip code) | |

Registrant's telephone numbers, including area code (713) 522-5141

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Item 8.01. Other Events

Service Corporation International (SCI or the Company) is filing this Current Report on Form 8-K to revise information that was previously reported in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003 to reflect operations that have been classified as discontinued operations and to reflect certain accounting changes surrounding the Company's insurance funded preneed contracts since the time of the filing of that Form 10-K. This Current Report on Form 8-K is limited to these revisions. No attempt has been made in this Form 8-K to modify or update other disclosures as presented in the original Form 10-K except as required to reflect the effects of the items described below.

The Company is filing the selected financial data for the five years ended December 31, 2003, consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 2003 and 2002 and for the three years ending December 31, 2003, the management's discussion and analysis of results of operations and financial condition, the consolidated schedule of valuation and qualifying accounts, and ratios of earnings to fixed charges in order to reflect the impact of the discontinued operations and the accounting change surrounding the Company's insurance funded preneed contracts.

Insurance Funded Preneed Insurance Contracts

The Company has changed its method of accounting for insurance funded preneed contracts as the Company has concluded that its insurance funded preneed funeral contracts are not assets and liabilities as defined by Statement of Financial Accounting Concepts No. 6, *Elements in Financial Statements*. Therefore, the Company has removed from its consolidated balance sheet amounts relating to insurance funded preneed funeral contracts previously recorded in *Preneed funeral contracts, net* and *Deferred preneed funeral revenues*. The removal of these amounts did not have an impact on the Company's consolidated stockholders' equity, results of operations or cash flows.

Discontinued Operations

In 1999, the Company began an initiative to identify and address non-strategic or underperforming businesses. As a result of this assessment, the Company committed to a plan in June 2004 to divest the existing funeral and cemetery operations in Argentina and Uruguay. The Company is actively marketing these operations and plans to have no continuing interest in these operations subsequent to the disposal of the Argentina and Uruguay businesses. As a result, the Company has classified these operations as discontinued operations for all periods presented.

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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 thereunto duly authorized.

September 2, 2004

SERVICE CORPORATION
INTERNATIONAL

By: /s/ Eric D. Tanzberger
Eric D. Tanzberger
Vice President and Corporate Controller

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