

WEST PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICES INC

Form 8-K

February 24, 2003

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

current report

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of earliest event reported: February 20, 2003

WEST PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

Pennsylvania	1-8036	23-1210010
(State of Incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

101 Gordon Drive, P.O. Box 645, Lionville, Pennsylvania 19341-0645
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(610) 594-2900
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

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Item 5. Other Events.

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On February 20, 2003, West Pharmaceutical Services, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release concerning its fourth quarter and year-end results and provided an update regarding the recent fire loss at its Kinston, North Carolina facility and associated financial implications. The press release issued in connection with this incident is filed as exhibit 99.1 to this report and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits:

Exhibit #	Description
99.1	Press Release dated February 20, 2003

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.

WEST PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICES, INC.

Date: February 24, 2003

By:

Name: John R. Gailey III
Title: Vice President

EXHIBIT INDEX

99.1 Press Release dated February 20, 2003