

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 20, 2003

HURCO COMPANIES, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

INDIANA (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	0-9143 (Commission File No.)	35-1150732 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
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ONE TECHNOLOGY WAY
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46268
(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

(317) 293-5309
(Registrants' telephone number, including area code)

NOT APPLICABLE
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

ITEM 12. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

On August 20, 2003, Hurco Companies, Inc. (the "Registrant") reported its results of operations for the third quarter ended July 31, 2003. The Registrant's earnings release for the quarter is attached as Exhibit 99(a) and the information set forth therein is incorporated herein by reference and constitutes a part of this report. The attached Exhibit is furnished pursuant to Item 12 of Form 8-K.

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 hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: August 20, 2003

HURCO COMPANIES, INC.

By: /s/ Roger J. Wolf

Roger J. Wolf
Senior Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Wednesday, August 20, 2003

HURCO REPORTS THIRD QUARTER 2003 RESULTS

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA, -- August 20, 2003 -- Hurco Companies, Inc. (Nasdaq:HURC) today announced that, for its third fiscal quarter, which ended July 31, 2003, the Company recorded a profit of \$331,000, or \$.06 per share, compared to a loss of \$651,000, or \$.12 per share, for the corresponding period a year ago. For the first nine months of fiscal 2003, the Company recorded a loss of \$112,000, or \$.02 per share, compared to a loss of \$6,503,000, or \$1.16 per share, for the corresponding 2002 period.

Sales and service fees for the third fiscal quarter were \$18,354,000, slightly higher than the \$18,204,000 recorded in the corresponding 2002 period. Sales and service fees reported in U.S. dollars benefited from significantly stronger European currencies, when translating foreign sales for financial reporting purposes. When measured at constant exchange rates, sales and service fees decreased \$1,485,000, or 8.2%, from the prior year period, due primarily to reduced shipments in Europe. For the first nine months of fiscal 2003, sales and service fees were \$51,760,000, slightly better than the \$51,719,000 recorded a year ago. When measured at constant exchange rates, sales and service fees for the nine months declined approximately \$4,800,000, or 9.3%, from the 2002 period, due to reduced shipments in Europe.

New order bookings were \$18,909,000, an increase of 7.3% from the \$17,629,000 recorded in the third quarter of fiscal 2002. Backlog was \$7,280,000 at July 31, 2003, compared to \$6,760,000 at April 30, 2003, and \$5,316,000 at October 31, 2002.

Gross margins increased to 27.6% from 24.1% in the comparable prior year period. Selling, general and administrative expenses were \$4,332,000, a reduction of \$340,000, or 7.3%, from the third quarter of fiscal 2002.

Total debt was \$10,334,000 at July 31, 2003, as compared to \$8,516,000 at April 30, 2003, and constituted 27% of total capitalization. As of July 31, 2003, the Company had unutilized credit facilities of \$4,921,000 available for direct borrowing or commercial letters of credit.

Michael Doar, Chief Executive Officer stated, "We continue to be encouraged by earning a small profit in the third quarter. We see evidence of the start of an economic recovery in the U.S., but we believe it will take several more quarters before we see a significant improvement in machine tool orders. As the U.S. orders begin to improve, we believe our European orders will also improve, although not as quickly as in the U.S."

While we are pleased to post two consecutive profitable quarters, we are not satisfied that year to date we are still showing a loss. We believe a major reason that we have been profitable the last two quarters is our on-going focus on reducing operating expenses. Operating expenses year to date are \$1,098,000 less than for the same three quarters last year. We will continue to look for ways to reduce expenses."

Hurco Companies, Inc. is an industrial technology company that designs and produces interactive computer controls, software and computerized machine tools for the worldwide metal cutting and metal forming industry. The end market for the Company's products consists primarily of independent job shops and short-run manufacturing operations within large corporations in industries such as the aerospace, defense, medical equipment, energy, transportation and computer equipment. The Company is based in Indianapolis, Indiana, and has sales, application engineering and service subsidiaries in High Wycombe, England; Munich, Germany; Paris, France; Milan, Italy; Shanghai, China and Singapore, along with manufacturing operations in Taiwan. Products are sold primarily through independent agents and distributors in the United States, Europe and Asia. The Company also has direct sales forces in the United Kingdom, Germany, France, Italy, and Asia.
Web Site: www.hurco.com

This news release contains forward looking statements which involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause our actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future

results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. These factors include, among others, changes in general economic and business conditions that affect demand for computerized machine systems, computer numerical control systems and software products, changes in manufacturing markets, innovations by competitors, quality and delivery performance by our contract manufacturers and governmental actions and initiatives including import and export restrictions and tariffs.

Hurco Companies, Inc.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
(In thousands, except per-share data)

	Three Months Ended July 31,		Nine Months Ended July 31,	
	2003 (unaudited)	2002	2003 (unaudited)	2002 (unaudited)
Sales and service fees	\$ 18,354	\$ 18,204	\$ 51,760	\$ 51,719
Cost of sales and service	13,280	13,823	37,564	40,369
Cost of sales - restructuring	-	-	-	1,083
Gross profit	5,074	4,381	14,196	10,267
Selling, general and administrative expenses	4,332	4,672	13,323	14,421
Restructuring expense (credit) and other	-	-	-	1,751
Operating income (loss)	742	(291)	873	(5,905)
License fee income, net	-	-	-	163
Interest expense	167	159	476	469
Other income (expense), net	(43)	(47)	5	(10)
Income (loss) before taxes	532	(497)	402	(6,221)
Provision for income taxes	201	154	514	282
Net income (loss)	\$ 331	\$ (651)	\$ (112)	\$ (6,503)
Earnings (loss) per common share				
Basic	\$ 0.06	\$ (0.12)	\$ (0.02)	\$ (1.16)
Diluted	\$ 0.06	\$ (0.12)	\$ (0.02)	\$ (1.16)
Weighted average common shares outstanding				
Basic	5,583	5,583	5,583	5,583
Diluted	5,630	5,583	5,583	5,583

OTHER CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL DATA	Three Months Ended July 31,		Nine Months Ended July 31,	
	2003 (unaudited)	2002	2003 (unaudited)	2002 (unaudited)
Operating Data:				
Gross margin, excluding restructuring charges	27.6%	24.1%	27.4%	21.9%
SG&A expense as a percentage of sales	23.6%	25.7%	25.7%	27.9%
Operating income (loss) as a percentage of sales	4.0%	-1.6%	1.7%	-11.4%
Pre-tax income (loss) as a percentage of sales	2.9%	-2.7%	0.8%	-12.0%
Depreciation	358	485	1,073	1,475
Capital expenditures	338	612	835	1,513
Balance Sheet Data:	7/31/2003	7/31/2002		
Working capital (excluding short term debt)	\$23,448	\$22,476		
Days sales outstanding	45	51		
Inventory turns	1.9	2.4		
Net assets per \$ of revenue (trailing twelve months)				
Working capital, net	\$ 0.33	\$ 0.27		
All other	0.21	0.23		
Total	\$ 0.54	\$ 0.50		

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
(In thousands, except per-share data)

	July 31, 2003 (unaudited)	October 31, 2002 (audited)
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,227	\$ 4,358
Cash - restricted	521	-
Accounts receivable	11,545	13,425
Inventories	26,018	22,548
Other	1,851	1,204
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Total current assets	43,162	41,535
Property and equipment:		
Land	761	761
Building	7,221	7,203
Machinery and equipment	10,469	10,144
Leasehold improvements	503	396
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	18,954	18,504
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	(10,494)	(9,696)
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	8,460	8,808
Software development costs, less amortization	1,787	1,604
Investments and other assets	5,071	5,205
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	\$ 58,480	\$ 57,152
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LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 11,318	\$ 9,856
Accrued expenses	8,396	10,016
Bank debt - current	4,673	-
Current portion of long-term debt	981	1,313
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Total current liabilities	25,368	21,185
Non-current liabilities:		
Long-term debt	4,680	7,572
Deferred credits and other obligations	446	378
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Total liabilities	30,494	29,135
Shareholders' equity:		
Preferred stock: no par value per share; 1,000,000 shares authorized; no shares issued	-	-
Common stock: no par value; \$.10 stated value per share; 12,500,000 shares authorized; and 5,583,158 and 5,583,158 shares issued, respectively	558	558
Additional paid-in capital	44,717	44,717
Accumulated deficit	(10,285)	(10,173)
Accumulated other comprehensive income	(7,004)	(7,085)
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Total shareholders' equity	27,986	28,017
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	\$ 58,480	\$ 57,152
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