

BUTLER MANUFACTURING CO  
Form 8-K  
April 27, 2004

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**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): April 27, 2004

**BUTLER MANUFACTURING COMPANY**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**DELAWARE**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**001-12335**  
(Commission  
File Number)  
**1540 Genessee Street**  
**P.O. BOX 419917**  
**Kansas City, Missouri 64102**

**44-0188420**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (816) 968-3000

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**Item 1. Changes in Control Of Registrant.**

Effective April 27, 2004, Butler Manufacturing Company, a Delaware corporation ("Butler") merged with and into BSL Acquisition Corporation, a Delaware corporation ("BSL") and an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of BlueScope Steel Limited, a corporation organized under the laws of Australia ("BlueScope"). The merger was effected pursuant to an Agreement and Plan of Merger dated as of February 15, 2004 among Butler, BSL and BlueScope (the "Merger Agreement") and became effective upon the filing of a Certificate of Merger with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware on April 27, 2004.

Under the terms of the Merger Agreement, BSL merged with and into Butler, and Butler became privately held by BlueScope. The common stock of Butler has been delisted from trading on the New York Stock Exchange. Butler stockholders will receive \$22.50 per outstanding share of Butler common stock upon presentation of appropriate documentation to the paying agent. Prior to the merger, Butler had approximately 6,334,382 shares of common stock issued and outstanding. As of March 19, 2004, the record date for the Butler stockholder meeting held on April 27, 2004, the merger was valued at approximately \$143 million, plus the assumption of debt.

The Merger Agreement is incorporated herein by reference to Butler's Current Report on Form 8-K previously filed on February 17, 2004. A copy of the press release issued by Butler on April 27, 2004 is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2.

**Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

**(c) Exhibits.**

- 99.1 Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated February 15, 2004, among Butler Manufacturing Company, BlueScope Steel Limited, and BSL Acquisition Corporation (previously filed on February 17, 2004, as Exhibit 99.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, and incorporated herein by reference).
  - 99.2 Press Release, dated April 27, 2004.
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**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: April 27, 2004

**BUTLER MANUFACTURING COMPANY**

/s/ Larry C. Miller

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By: Larry C. Miller  
Its: Vice President Finance  
and Chief Financial Officer

/s/ John W. Huey

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By: John W. Huey  
Its: Vice President, Secretary  
and General Counsel

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