

COVANCE INC  
Form 8-K  
January 26, 2004

**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): **January 26, 2004**

**COVANCE INC.**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**

**1-12213**

**22-3265977**

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(State or other  
jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**210 Carnegie Center, Princeton, New Jersey**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**08540**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(609) 452-4440**

**N/A**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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

(a) Not applicable.

(b) Not applicable.

(c) Exhibits:

99.1 Press Release of Covance Inc. dated January 26, 2004 furnished pursuant to Item 12.

Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

The following information shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act ), or incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

On January 26, 2004, Covance Inc. (the Company ) announced its preliminary financial results for the three month period ended December 31, 2003. The Company issued press release announcing these financial results is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 pursuant to Item 12 of Form 8-K.

SIGNATURES

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.

COVANCE INC.

Date: January 26, 2004

/s/ William E. Klitgaard

Name: William E. Klitgaard

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Title: Corporate Senior Vice President  
and Chief Financial Officer

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<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Press release issued by Covance Inc. on January 26, 2004 furnished pursuant to Item 12.