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Form SC 13G/A  
February 11, 2003

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G  
(Rule 13d-102)

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT  
TO RULES 13d-1(b) (c), AND (d) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED  
PURSUANT TO RULE 13d-2(b)

(Amendment No. 1) \*

Thermo Electron Corporation

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(Name of Issuer)

common stock

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(Title of Class of Securities)

883556102

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(CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2002

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(Date of Event Which requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this  
Schedule is filed:

Rule 13d-1(b)

Rule 13d-(c)

Rule 13d-1(d)

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\*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's  
initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and  
for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the  
disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed  
to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of  
1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act  
but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the  
Notes).

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1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS  
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

The Governor and Company of the Bank of Ireland

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2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\*

(a)

(b)

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3. SEC USE ONLY

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4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Republic of Ireland

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NUMBER OF	5.	SOLE VOTING POWER
SHARES		0

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BENEFICIALLY	6.	SHARED VOTING POWER
OWNED BY		9,238,457

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EACH	7.	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
REPORTING		0

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PERSON	8.	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
WITH		9,238,457

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9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

9,238,457

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10. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\*

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11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

5.6%

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12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*

CO

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IBI Interfunding

2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\*

(a)

(b)

3. SEC USE ONLY

4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Republic of Ireland

NUMBER OF 5. SOLE VOTING POWER  
SHARES 0

BENEFICIALLY 6. SHARED VOTING POWER  
OWNED BY 9,238,457

EACH 7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  
REPORTING 0

PERSON 8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  
WITH 9,238,457

9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

9,238,457

10. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\*

11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

5.6%

12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*

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BancIreland/First Financial, Inc.

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2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\*

(a)

(b)

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3. SEC USE ONLY

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4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

New Hampshire

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NUMBER OF 5. SOLE VOTING POWER

SHARES 0

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BENEFICIALLY 6. SHARED VOTING POWER

OWNED BY 9,238,457

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EACH 7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING 0

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PERSON 8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

WITH 9,238,457

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9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

9,238,457

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10. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\*

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11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

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5.6%

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12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*

CO

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BIAM (US) Inc.

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2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\*

(a)

(b)

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3. SEC USE ONLY

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4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

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NUMBER OF 5. SOLE VOTING POWER

SHARES 0

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BENEFICIALLY 6. SHARED VOTING POWER

OWNED BY 9,238,457

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EACH 7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING 0

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PERSON 8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

WITH 9,238,457

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9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

9,238,457

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11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

5.6%

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12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*

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Iridian Asset Management LLC

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(a)

(b)

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3. SEC USE ONLY

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4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

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NUMBER OF 5. SOLE VOTING POWER

SHARES 0

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BENEFICIALLY 6. SHARED VOTING POWER

OWNED BY 9,238,457

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EACH 7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING 0

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PERSON 8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

WITH 9,238,457

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9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

9,238,457

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10. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\*

11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

5.6%

12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*

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1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS

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COLE Partners LLC

2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\*

(a)

(b)

3. SEC USE ONLY

4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

NUMBER OF 5. SOLE VOTING POWER

SHARES 0

BENEFICIALLY 6. SHARED VOTING POWER

OWNED BY 301,400

EACH 7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING 0

PERSON 8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

WITH 301,400

9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

301,400

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10. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\*

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11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)  
0.2%

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12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*  
HC

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Iridian Partners Fund, L.P.

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2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\*  
(a)   
(b)

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3. SEC USE ONLY

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4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  
Delaware

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NUMBER OF	5.	SOLE VOTING POWER
SHARES	0	
BENEFICIALLY	6.	SHARED VOTING POWER
OWNED BY	31,800	
EACH	7.	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
REPORTING	0	
PERSON	8.	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
WITH	31,800	



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9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

31,800

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10. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\*

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11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

less than 0.1%

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12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*

PN

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Iridian Investors, L.P.

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2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\*

(a)

(b)

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3. SEC USE ONLY

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4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

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NUMBER OF 5. SOLE VOTING POWER

SHARES 0

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BENEFICIALLY 6. SHARED VOTING POWER

OWNED BY 26,800

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EACH 7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING 0

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PERSON 8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  
WITH 26,800

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9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
26,800

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10. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\*  
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11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)  
less than 0.1%

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12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*  
PN

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1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS  
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Iridian Private Business Value Equity Fund, L.P.

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2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\*  
(a) [X]  
(b) [ ]

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3. SEC USE ONLY

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4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  
Delaware

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NUMBER OF 5. SOLE VOTING POWER  
SHARES 0

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BENEFICIALLY 6. SHARED VOTING POWER  
OWNED BY 242,800

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EACH 7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

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REPORTING 0

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PERSON 8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

WITH 242,800

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9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

242,800

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10. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\*

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11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

0.1%

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12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*

PN

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1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

David L. Cohen

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2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\*

(a)

(b)

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3. SEC USE ONLY

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4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

United States

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NUMBER OF 5. SOLE VOTING POWER

SHARES 0

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BENEFICIALLY 6. SHARED VOTING POWER

OWNED BY 9,640,457

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EACH	7.	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
REPORTING		0

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PERSON	8.	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
WITH		9,640,457

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9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

9,640,457

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10. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\*

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11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

5.9%

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12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*

IN

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1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS  
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

Harold J. Levy

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2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\*

(a)   
(b)

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4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

United States

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NUMBER OF	5.	SOLE VOTING POWER
SHARES		0

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BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH

6.	SHARED VOTING POWER
9,640,457	
7.	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
0	
8.	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
9,640,457	

9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

9,640,457

10. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\*

11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

5.9%

12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*

IN

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This Amendment No. 1 to Schedule 13G amends in its entirety Schedule 13G previously filed for the month ended December 31, 2001.

Item 1(a). Name of Issuer:

Thermo Electron Corporation

Item 1(b). Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:

81 Wyman Street  
PO Box 9046  
Waltham, MA 02454-9046

Item 2.  
(a) Name of Person Filing.

This Statement is being filed by and on behalf of The Governor and Company of the Bank of Ireland (the "Bank of Ireland"), IBI Interfunding ("IBI"), BancIreland/First Financial, Inc. ("BancIreland"), BIAM (US) Inc., Iridian Asset

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Management LLC ("Iridian"), COLE Partners LLC ("COLE"), Iridian Partners Fund, L.P. ("Iridian Partners"), Iridian Investors, L.P. ("Iridian Investors"), Iridian Private Business Value Equity Fund, L.P. ("Iridian Private Business"), David L. Cohen and Harold J. Levy (collectively, the "Reporting Persons").

On September 6, 2002, BIAM (US) Inc. acquired 61% of the equity interests of Iridian, and the Bank of Ireland, IBI and BancIreland therefore acquired indirect ownership of 61% of Iridian. Thus, on that date, such Reporting Persons may be deemed to have acquired beneficial ownership of all shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by Iridian.

(b) Address of Principal Business Office:

The principal business address of Bank of Ireland and IBI is Lower Baggot Street, Dublin 2, Ireland.

The principal business address of BancIreland is Junction Marketplace #27, 1011 N. Main Street, White River Junction, VT 05501.

The principal business address of BIAM (US) Inc. is Liberty Park #15, 282 Route 101, Amherst, NH 03110.

The principal business address of Iridian, COLE, Iridian Partners, Iridian Investors, Iridian Private Business, Mr. Cohen and Mr. Levy is c/o Iridian Asset Management LLC, 276 Post Road West, Westport, CT 06880-4704.

(c) Citizenship or Place of Organization:

Bank of Ireland and IBI are Ireland corporations. BancIreland is a New Hampshire corporation. BIAM (US) Inc. is a Delaware corporation. Iridian and COLE are Delaware limited liability companies. Each of Iridian Partners, Iridian Investors and Iridian Private Business is a Delaware limited partnership. Each of David L. Cohen and Harold J. Levy is a citizen of the United States.

d) Title of Class of Securities:

This Statement relates to the shares of common stock, \$1.00 par value, of Thermo Electron Corporation.

(e) CUSIP Number: The CUSIP number is 883556102.

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Item 3. If This Statement is Filed Pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b), or 13d-2(b) or (c), Check Whether the Person Filing is a:

- (a)  Broker or dealer registered under Section 15 of the Exchange Act.
- (b)  Bank as defined in Section 3(a)(6) of the Exchange Act.
- (c)  Insurance company as defined in Section 3(a)(19) of the Exchange Act.
- (d)  Investment company registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act.
- (e)  An investment adviser in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E);

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- (f)  An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F);
- (g)  A parent holding company or control person in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G);
- (h)  A savings association as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act;
- (i)  A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under Section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act;
- (j)  Group, in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J).

If this statement is filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1(c), check this box.

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Item 4. Ownership.

(a) and (b). Amount Beneficially Owned and Percent of Class:

As of the date of this Statement, the Reporting Persons beneficially owned in the aggregate the number of shares of Common Stock, and the percentage, set forth below (the percentage of shares of Common Stock owned being based upon 163,518,507 shares of Common Stock outstanding at October 25, 2002 as set forth in the Issuer's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 28, 2002). The Reporting Persons may be deemed to have direct beneficial ownership of shares of Common Stock as follows:

Name	Number of Shares	Approximate Percentage of Outstanding Shares
Iridian (see Note 1)	8,937,057	5.5%
First Eagle	402,000	0.2%
Iridian Partners	31,800	less than 0.1%
Iridian Investors	26,800	less than 0.1%
Iridian Private Business	242,800	0.1%

Note 1: The shares of Common Stock set forth above for Iridian do not include the shares of Common Stock held by Iridian Partners, Iridian Investors and Iridian Private Business.

Iridian has direct beneficial ownership of the shares of Common Stock in the accounts which it manages. In addition, Iridian is the investment adviser for Iridian Partners, Iridian Investors and Iridian Private Business. In such capacity, Iridian has the right to vote and direct the disposition of shares of Common Stock held by such entities and, consequently, has beneficial ownership of such shares.

BIAM (US) Inc., as the controlling member of Iridian, may be deemed to possess beneficial ownership of the shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by Iridian. BancIreland, as the sole shareholder of BIAM (US) Inc. may be deemed to possess beneficial ownership of the shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by BIAM (US) Inc. IBI, as the sole shareholder of BancIreland, may be deemed to possess beneficial ownership of the shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by BancIreland. Bank of Ireland, as the sole shareholder of IBI, may be deemed to

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possess beneficial ownership of the shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by IBI.

Messrs. Cohen and Levy may be deemed to possess beneficial ownership of the shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by Iridian by virtue of having the power to vote and direct the disposition of shares of Common Stock as joint Chief Investment Officers of Iridian. Messrs. Cohen and Levy disclaim beneficial ownership of such shares.

COLE, as the sole general partner of Iridian Partners, Iridian Investors and Iridian Private Business, may be deemed to own beneficially shares of Common Stock that Iridian Partners, Iridian Investors and Iridian Private Business may be deemed to possess direct beneficial ownership. Iridian, as the sole member of COLE, may be deemed to possess beneficial ownership of the shares of Common Stock that are beneficially owned by COLE.

Messrs. Cohen and Levy, by virtue of their ability to exercise voting and dispositive power over the shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by First Eagle pursuant to their employment arrangements with A&SB Advisers described in Item 8 of this Statement (which description is incorporated hereby by reference), may be deemed to possess beneficial ownership of such shares. Messrs. Cohen and Levy disclaim beneficial ownership of such shares for all other purposes.

As used herein, "beneficial ownership" has the meaning set forth in Rule 13d-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

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(c) Power to vote or dispose.

Iridian has the direct power to vote or direct the vote, and the direct power to dispose or direct the disposition, of 8,937,057 shares of Common Stock. Messrs. Cohen and Levy may be deemed to share with Iridian the power to vote or direct the vote and to dispose or direct the disposition of such shares.

Iridian has the direct power to vote or direct the vote, and the direct power to dispose or direct the disposition, of the 301,400 shares of Common Stock held in the aggregate by Iridian Partners, Iridian Investors, and Iridian Private Business. COLE (in addition to Messrs. Cohen and Levy) may be deemed to share with Iridian the power to vote or direct the vote and to dispose or direct the disposition of such shares.

Messrs. Cohen and Levy have the power to vote or direct the vote, and the power to dispose or direct the disposition, of the 402,000 shares of Common Stock held by First Eagle.

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Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class.

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following: \_\_\_\_\_

Not Applicable.

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Item 6. Ownership of More Than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.



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Not Applicable.

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Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company.

Not Applicable.

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Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group.

The principal business of Bank of Ireland is banking. Bank of Ireland is the sole shareholder of IBI. The principal business of IBI is to serve as a holding company. IBI is the sole shareholder of BancIreland. The principal business of BancIreland is to serve as a holding company. BancIreland is the sole shareholder of BIAM (US) Inc. The principal business of BIAM (US) Inc. is to serve as a holding company. BIAM holds 61% of the equity interests of Iridian.

Iridian is an investment adviser registered under Section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, and its principal business is managing a number of accounts containing securities over which Iridian has voting and dispositive power. Iridian is also the sole member of COLE.

The principal business of COLE is serving as the general partner of each of Iridian Partners, Iridian Investors and Iridian Private Business. The principal business of each of Iridian Partners, Iridian Investors and Iridian Private Business is investing in securities. Iridian serves as the investment adviser to Iridian Partners, Iridian Investors and Iridian Private Business. COLE, as the general partner of Iridian Partners, Iridian Investors and Iridian Private Business, and Iridian, as the sole member of COLE and investment adviser to Iridian Partners, Iridian Investors and Iridian Private Business, share voting and dispositive power over the investments of Iridian Partners, Iridian Investors and Iridian Private Business.

Each of Messrs. Cohen and Levy indirectly owns a minority equity interest in Iridian and, as his principal occupation, serves as a director, executive officer and portfolio manager of Iridian.

As of December 31, 2002, each of Messrs. Cohen and Levy also served as an employee of Arnhold & S. Bleichroeder Advisers, Inc. ("A&SB Advisers"), an investment adviser registered under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940. A&SB Advisers acts as the investment adviser to First Eagle Fund of America, an open-end non-diversified mutual fund ("First Eagle"), which is a separate series or portfolio of First Eagle Trust, an investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940. To the Reporting Persons' knowledge, pursuant to the terms of the investment advisory agreement between A&SB Advisers and First Eagle, A&SB Advisers has the authority, for and in the name of First Eagle, to vote and to dispose of securities owned by First Eagle. As employees of A&SB Advisers, Messrs. Cohen and Levy perform A&SB's investment advisory duties and functions with respect to First Eagle, including the exercise of voting and dispositive power over securities held by First Eagle. Effective January 1, 2003, the employment relationship between each of Messr. Cohen and Levy terminated, and Iridian became a sub-advisor of A&SB Advisers for the provision of investment management services to First Eagle Fund of America.

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Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group.

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Not Applicable.

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Item 10. Certifications.

By signing below the undersigned certifies that, to the best of its or his knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired and are held in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of and do not have the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having such purpose or effect.

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SIGNATURE.

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of its or his knowledge and belief, we certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: February 11, 2003

THE GOVERNOR AND COMPANY OF THE BANK OF IRELAND

By: /s/ John Clifford

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John Clifford  
Group Secretary

IBI INTERFUNDING

By: /s/ Terry Forsyth

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Terry Forsyth  
Secretary

BANCIRELAND/FIRST FINANCIAL, INC.

By: /s/ Diane Morrison

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Diane Morrison  
Director

BIAM (US) INC.

By: /s/ Diane Morrison

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Director

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By: /s/ Jeffrey M. Elliott

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COLE PARTNERS LLC

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IRIDIAN PARTNERS FUND, L.P.

By: COLE PARTNERS LLC

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By: /s/ David L. Cohen

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David L. Cohen, individually

By: /s/ Harold J. Levy

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