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 6, 2005

INVITROGEN CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction

0-25317 (Commission File Number)

33-0373077 (IRS Employer

of incorporation)

Identification No.)

1600 Faraday Avenue, Carlsbad, CA (Address of principal executive offices)

92008 (Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code (760) 603-7200

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Not Applicable

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

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Section 8 Other Events

Item 8.01 Other Events.

Dr. Jay M. Short, the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Diversa Corporation, and a director of three additional publicly traded companies, including Invitrogen Corporation, has committed to retire from the Board of Directors of one of the publicly traded companies (other than Invitrogen) within the next six months. He announced his intent to serve on the board of directors of no more than three publicly traded companies so long as he remains the Chief Executive Officer of Diversa Corporation.

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.

Invitrogen Corporation (Registrant)

Date April 6, 2005

/s/ David F. Hoffmeister

David F. Hoffmeister Sr. Vice President, Chief Financial Officer