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ALICO INC
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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 30, 2004

ALICO, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Florida 0-261 59-0906081

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

Post Office Box 338, La Belle, Florida 33975

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (863) 675-2966

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Item 5. Other Events.

Incorporated by reference is an announcement issued by the Registrant on January 30, 2004, attached as Exhibit 01, providing information concerning a tax ruling pursuant to the settlement agreement reached between Ben Hill Griffin, III, trustee and the Four Sisters Protectorate, et al.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibit

Exhibit 01 - Press release announcing tax ruling issued January 30, 2004.

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.

ALICO, INC.
(Registrant)

January 30, 2004

Date

/s/ W. BERNARD LESTER
By _____
W. Bernard Lester, President
(Signature)

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit

Number Description

01 Press release issued January 30, 2004

January 30, 2004

National Circuit
La Belle, Florida

TAX RULING RECEIVED

The Company announced today that it had received notice from attorneys for the Four Sisters Protectorate and Ben Hill Griffin, III that the final tax rulings necessary to implement the settlements of disputes that had previously arisen between beneficiaries of the Ben Hill Griffin, Jr. Revocable Intervivos Trust No. 1, (the "Trust"), have been received and there exist no material conditions to closing of the settlements between these parties which have been previously announced by the Company. Attorneys for the parties to the settlements have indicated that they expect the closing of the transactions contemplated by the settlements to occur as soon as documentation is finalized which they believe will occur before the end of March 2004 and could occur as early as three weeks from now. As previously announced by the Company, the closing of these settlements will result in a transfer of beneficial ownership of the shares of Alico currently controlled by Ben Hill Griffin, III, as the Trustee of the Trust to trusts to be formed for the benefit of Ben Hill Griffin, III's four sisters and their lineal descendants so as to cause control of Alico to shift from Ben Hill Griffin, III to the trustees of such trusts.

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