

WHIRLPOOL CORP /DE/  
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April 19, 2001

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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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 18, 2001

WHIRLPOOL CORPORATION

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	1-3932	-----
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(I. Ident
2000 M63 North, Benton Harbor, Michigan	49022-2692	
(Address of principal executive officers)	(Zip Code)	

(616)-923-5000

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Registrant's telephone number, including area code

Item 5. Other Events  
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On April 18, 2001, the Company announced its first quarter 2001 earnings. First quarter core earnings - which exclude restructuring and related charges, and a one-time gain relating to the adoption of SFAS No. 133 - were \$73 million, or \$1.10 per diluted share, compared to \$112 million, or \$1.52 per diluted share in first quarter 2000. Net earnings for the current quarter - including restructuring and related charges of \$40 million, after tax and minority interest, and a one-time gain of \$8 million, after tax, relating to the adoption of SFAS No. 133 - were \$41 million, or \$0.61 per diluted share.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits

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Copy of press release dated April 18, 2001.

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.

WHIRLPOOL CORPORATION  
Registrant

Date: April 19, 2001

By: /s/ Robert T. Kenagy

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Name: Robert T. Kenagy  
Title: Corporate Secretary