

WHIRLPOOL CORP /DE/
Form 8-K
February 28, 2002

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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
And Regulation FD

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) February 25, 2002

WHIRLPOOL CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Delaware | 1-3932 | 38-1490038 |
| ----- (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) | ----- (Commission File Number) | ----- (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.) |

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| 2000 M63 North, Benton Harbor, Michigan | 49022-2692 |
| ----- (Address of principal executive officers) | ----- (Zip Code) |

(616)-923-5000

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

Item 5. Other Events

On February 25 and 26, 2002, the Company issued press releases regarding its anticipated purchase of the remaining 51 percent interest held by Vitro S.A. in Vitromatic S.A. de C.V., an appliance manufacturing and distribution joint venture in Mexico. Whirlpool expects to purchase Vitro's stake in Vitromatic for \$150 million in cash and will assume 100 percent of the joint venture's exiting \$220 million debt.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits

Exhibit A - copy of press release dated February 25, 2002

Exhibit B - copy of press release dated February 26, 2002

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Exhibit C - copy of press release dated February 26, 2002

Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure

On February 26, 2002, the Company also issued a press release regarding comments to be made by its Chairman and CEO concerning the Company's expectation for appliance industry unit shipments in 2002, its 2002 strategy and new products, and the Company's currently expected first quarter and full-year 2002 results.

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: February 28, 2002

By: /s/ Robert T. Kenagy

Name: Robert T. Kenagy
Title: Corporate Secretary