

METHODE ELECTRONICS INC  
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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **October 1, 2003**

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**METHODE ELECTRONICS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**0-2816**  
Commission File Number

**36-2090085**  
I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number

**7401 West Wilson Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60706**  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(708) 867-6777**

**Not Applicable**  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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**ITEM 5. Other Events**

On October 1, 2003, the Company was served with an amended purported class action complaint filed on behalf of certain holders of Methode's Class B Common Stock in the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware naming Methode, its directors and certain officers as defendants and alleging that the defendants breached their fiduciary duties with respect to the agreement dated as of July 18, 2003 among Methode, Marital Trust No. 1 and No. 2, each created under the William J. McGinley Trust, the Jane R. McGinley Trust, Margaret J. McGinley, James W. McGinley and Robert R. McGinley. The amended complaint seeks an order declaring the July 18 Agreement invalid, injunctive relief and other relief. The Company believes that the allegations are without merit and intends to contest the action. A copy of the complaint is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

**ITEM 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Amended Class Action Complaint of Bernice Fein against Methode Electronics, Inc., Warren L. Batts, William C. Croft, Donald W. Duda, William T. Jensen, James W. McGinley, Robert R. McGinley, Roy M. Van Cleave, George C. Wright, Douglas A. Koman, Robert J. Kuehnau and James F. McQuillen, Civil Action No. 20537-NC, filed September 30, 2003 in the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware.

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**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.

**METHODE ELECTRONICS, INC.**

Date: October 3, 2003

By: /s/ DOUGLAS A. KOMAN

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Douglas A. Koman  
Vice President, Corporate Finance  
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