

HNI CORP  
Form 8-K  
December 20, 2004

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 December 20, 2004  
(date of earliest event reported)

HNI Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| IOWA   | <u>0-2648</u>            | <u>42-0617510</u>                    |
| (State or other jurisdiction<br>of incorporation)          | (Commission File Number) | (IRS Employer<br>Identification No.) |
| <u>414 East Third Street, P.O. Box 1109, Muscatine, IA</u> |                          | <u>52761-0071</u>                    |
| (Address of principal executive offices)                   |                          | (Zip Code)                           |

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 563/264-7400

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2 below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  - Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On December 20, 2004, HNI Corporation issued a press release to reaffirm negative steel impact for fourth quarter - fiscal 2004. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

The information in this Form 8-K and the attached Exhibit shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Act of 1934, as amended, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

**ITEM 9. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS**

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

Exhibits.

**Exhibit**

Number      Exhibit

99.1            Text of press release dated December 20, 2004.

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.

HNI Corporation

Date: December 20, 2004

By: /s/ Jerald K. Dittmer

Jerald K. Dittmer

Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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