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UNITED STATES

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): July 23, 2002

ACTUANT CORPORATION (Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Wisconsin (State or other jurisdiction (Commission File (I.R.S. Employer of incorporation) Number) Identification No.)

1-11288

39-0168610

6100 North Baker Road Milwaukee, WI 53209

Mailing address: P.O. Box 3241, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (414) 352-4160

Item 5. Other Events and Regulation FD Disclosure.

On July 23, 2002, Actuant Corporation announced that it has signed a definitive agreement to acquire Heinrich Kopp A.G. ("Kopp"). Approximately 80% of the outstanding equity will be purchased initially for \$17 million (including the assumption of debt and acquired cash) and an option will be granted to acquire the remaining outstanding equity for \$3 million commencing in October 2003. Kopp, based near Frankfurt, Germany, is a leading provider of electrical products to the German do-it-yourself retail market.

A copy of the news release announcing the acquisition is filed as Exhibit 1 to this Form 8-K current report.

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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.

ACTUANT CORPORATION (Registrant)

Date: July 23, 2002 By: /s/ Andrew G. Lampereur

Andrew G. Lampereur

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