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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): May 3, 2004

NATCO Group Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

DELAWARE (State of Incorporation) (Commission File Number)

001-15603

22-2906892 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

2950 North Loop West, 7th Floor Houston, Texas (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

77092

Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: (713) 683-9292

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(C) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release, dated May 3, 2004

ITEM 12. DISCLOSURE OF RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

On May 3, 2004, NATCO Group Inc. issued a press release announcing its operating results for the first quarter of 2004. This press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K, and its contents are incorporated by reference into this

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report.

In accordance with Regulation G, we have presented within this press release certain non-GAAP financial measures that are clearly identified and reconciled to the most directly comparable financial measure in tabular form, and have provided a statement from our management disclosing the purpose of using these non-GAAP financial measures.

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.

Dated: May 5, 2004

NATCO Group Inc.

By: /s/ RICHARD W. FITZGERALD

Richard W. FitzGerald Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

INDEX TO EXHIBITS

EXHIBIT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	
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