

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):  
May 19, 2003

CHEMED CORPORATION  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	1-8351 (Commission File Number)	31-0791746 (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)
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2600 Chemed Center, 255 East 5th Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:  
(513) 762-6900

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Item 5. Other Events

The Registrant announced May 20, 2003 that, effective May 19, 2003, it has changed its name to "Roto-Rooter, Inc." The Registrant's press release, dated May 20, 2003, is attached as an exhibit to this report.

Exhibits.

(99.1) Registrant's press release dated May 20, 2003.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

CHEMED CORPORATION

Dated: May 20, 2003

By: /s/ Arthur V. Tucker, Jr.

Arthur V. Tucker, Jr.  
Vice President and Controller

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Chemed Shareholders Approve Name Change  
to Roto-Rooter Inc. ;  
Board Declares Quarterly Dividend

CINCINNATI, May 20, 2003--Stockholders of Chemed Corporation (NYSE:CHE) (OTCBB:CHEQP) approved changing the company's name to Roto-Rooter Inc. by more than 99 percent of the vote at yesterday's annual meeting of stockholders. The name change will take effect as soon as practicable, and the company's stock will continue to be listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the new symbol RRR.

Also at the meeting, shareholders elected a slate of 11 directors and ratified the continuation of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the company's independent accountants for 2003.

Dividend Declared

Following the meeting, the Board of Directors declared a quarterly cash dividend of 12 cents per share on the company's capital stock, payable on June 10, 2003, to stockholders of record on May 30, 2003. This represents the 128th consecutive quarterly dividend paid to shareholders in 32 years as a public company.

Roto-Rooter Inc. ([www.rotorooter.com](http://www.rotorooter.com)), headquartered in Cincinnati, is a New York Stock Exchange-listed corporation operating in the residential and commercial repair-and-maintenance-service industry through two wholly owned subsidiaries. Roto-Rooter is North America's largest provider of plumbing and drain cleaning services. Service America Systems Inc. provides major-appliance and heating/air-conditioning repair, maintenance, and replacement services.

Statements in this press release or in other Company communications may relate to future events or the Company's future performance. Such statements are forward-looking statements and are based on present information the Company has related to its existing business circumstances. Investors are cautioned that such forward-looking statements are subject to inherent risk that actual results may differ materially from such forward-looking statements. Further, investors are cautioned that the Company does not assume any obligation to update forward-looking statements based on unanticipated events or changed expectations.

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