

AMERICAN VANGUARD CORP

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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 AND EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

DATE OF REPORT February 7, 2003

AMERICAN VANGUARD CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State of incorporation)

0-6354
(Commission File No.)

95-2588080
(IRS Employer No.)

4695 MacArthur Court, Newport Beach, California
(Address of principal executive offices)

92660
(Zip Code)

(949) 260-1200
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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Item 5. Other Events.

On February 3, 2003, American Vanguard Corporation issued the press release attached hereto as Exhibit 99.8. The release announced that Amvac Chemical Corporation, a wholly-owned subsidiary of American Vanguard Corporation, has signed a definitive agreement to acquire the global Pre-Harvest Crop Protection business from Pace International, LLC., all as more particularly described in Exhibit 99.8.

Item 7. Exhibits.

99.8	Press release issued February 3, 2003.
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SIGNATURES

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.

AMERICAN VANGUARD CORPORATION

Date: February 7, 2003

By: /s/ J. A. Barry

J. A. Barry
Senior Vice President
Chief Financial Officer

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