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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): August 13, 2002

TIFFANY & CO.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	1-9494	13-3228013
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

727 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York	10022
(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (212) 755-8000

Item 5. Other Events.

On August 13, 2002, Registrant issued the following press release reporting second quarter results for the period ended July 31, 2002; earnings in line with expectations.

NEW YORK, August 13, 2002 - Tiffany & Co. (NYSE-TIF) reported today that its net

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sales rose 1 percent and net earnings declined 9 percent in the three months (second quarter) ended July 31, 2002. These results are consistent with the Company's previously published guidance.

In the second quarter, net sales were \$374,427,000 compared with \$371,301,000 in the prior year. On a constant exchange rate basis that excludes translation effects between foreign currencies and the U.S. dollar, net sales increased nil percent and comparable store sales declined 5 percent. Net earnings declined 9 percent to \$32,714,000, or 22 cents per diluted share, from \$36,052,000, or 24 cents per diluted share, in the prior year.

For the six-month period (first half) ended July 31, 2002, net sales of \$721,556,000 were 2 percent higher than \$707,702,000 in the prior year. On a constant exchange rate basis, net sales increased 3 percent and comparable store sales declined 2 percent. Net earnings declined 2 percent to \$65,423,000, or 44 cents per diluted share, compared with \$66,814,000, or 44 cents per diluted share.

Results in Tiffany's three channels of distribution were as follows:

- o U.S. Retail sales rose 1 percent to \$187,218,000 in the second quarter and increased 2 percent to \$352,888,000 in the first half. Comparable store sales declined 2 percent in the second quarter (branch stores declined nil percent and the New York flagship store declined 6 percent) and declined nil percent in the first half (branch stores rose 1 percent and the New York flagship store declined 4 percent). Comparable store sales in the second quarter were primarily affected by a decline in the average transaction size. Sales to foreign tourists in certain markets also declined. The Company opened two U.S. stores in the second quarter in Bellevue, Washington and East Hampton, New York.
 - o International Retail sales declined 1 percent to \$148,462,000 in the second quarter and declined nil percent to \$296,100,000 in the first half. On a constant exchange rate basis, sales declined 3 percent in the second quarter and rose 2 percent in the first half. On that basis, comparable retail store sales in the second quarter and first half declined 13 percent and 7 percent in Japan (total retail sales in Japan declined 6 percent in the quarter and were unchanged in the first half), increased nil percent and 3 percent in other Asia-Pacific markets and declined 10 percent and 8 percent in Europe. This year, the Company has opened department store boutiques in Japan (2), Korea and Taiwan.
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- o Direct Marketing sales rose 12 percent to \$38,747,000 in the second quarter and rose 11 percent to \$72,568,000 in the first half. In those respective periods, combined catalog/internet sales rose 27 percent and 32 percent, while Business sales declined 5 percent and 8 percent.

Michael J. Kowalski, president and chief executive officer, said, "These sales results reflect challenging external conditions in the U.S. and in many international markets. However, we are pleased to be maintaining strong levels of profitability, due to increased gross margins and expense control efforts. I am extremely proud of Tiffany's employees and of their ability to weather this difficult environment, while continuing to pursue our long-term growth objectives. The appeal of Tiffany's extraordinary product offerings remains very strong and we look forward to enhancing our leadership position with important new product introductions, supported by increased marketing communications, in the coming months."

Mr. Kowalski added, "It is obviously extremely early in the third quarter, but

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we have seen recent improvement in comparable store sales in our two largest markets. Consistent with the expectation of many economists that the uncertain near-term outlook will soon be followed by more favorable conditions, as well as easing year-over-year comparisons to the prior year, our internal review leads us to maintain our recent expectations that call for improving comparable store sales trends in the U.S. and Japan in the second half of 2002. We are also maintaining our net earnings per diluted share expectations that call for: 18-20 cents in the third quarter (compared with 16 cents); and 64-67 cents in the fourth quarter (compared with 55 cents). Tiffany faces this environment with a strong balance sheet, an experienced worldwide management team and enthusiasm about our growth potential."

The Company also announced that it had repurchased and retired 600,000 shares of its Common Stock in the open market during the second quarter at an average cost of \$28.71 per share. The Company has approximately \$41 million available for future repurchases under its authorized plan.

The Company will host a conference call today at 8:30 a.m. (EST) to review its second quarter results and outlook. Interested parties may listen to a broadcast on the Internet at www.shareholder.com/tiffany, www.vcall.com or www.streetevents.com.

Tiffany & Co. is the internationally renowned jeweler and specialty retailer. Sales are made primarily through company-operated TIFFANY & CO. stores and boutiques in the Americas, Asia-Pacific and Europe. Direct Marketing includes Tiffany's Business Sales division, catalog and Internet sales. Additional information can be found on Tiffany's Web site, www.tiffany.com, and on its shareholder information line (800) TIF-0110.

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This press release contains certain "forward-looking" statements concerning expectations for sales, margins and earnings. Actual results might differ materially from those projected in the forward-looking statements. Information concerning factors that could cause actual results to differ materially are set forth in Tiffany's 2001 Annual Report and in Form 10-K, 10-Q and 8-K Reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Company undertakes no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements to reflect subsequent events or circumstances.

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TIFFANY & CO. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EARNINGS
(Unaudited, in thousands, except per share amounts)

Three months
ended July 31,

2002 2001

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Net sales	\$	374,427	\$	371,301	\$
Cost of sales		154,620		155,430	
Gross profit		219,807		215,871	
Selling, general and administrative expenses		160,729		150,201	
Earnings from operations		59,078		65,670	
Other expenses, net		4,554		5,581	
Earnings before income taxes		54,524		60,089	
Provision for income taxes		21,810		24,037	
Net earnings	\$	32,714	\$	36,052	\$
Net earnings per share:					
Basic	\$	0.22	\$	0.25	\$
Diluted	\$	0.22	\$	0.24	\$
Weighted average number of common shares:					
Basic		145,780		146,042	
Diluted		149,727		151,752	

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TIFFANY & CO. AND SUBSIDIARIES
 CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
 (Unaudited, in thousands)

July 31,

January 31,

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	2002	2002
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ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 191,326	\$ 173,675
Accounts receivable, net	87,565	98,527
Inventories, net	689,732	611,653
Deferred income taxes	48,957	41,170
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	34,367	26,826
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Total current assets	1,051,947	951,851
Property, plant and equipment, net	573,475	525,585
Deferred income taxes	5,415	4,560
Other assets, net	146,519	147,872
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	\$ 1,777,356	\$ 1,629,868
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LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Short-term borrowings	\$ 38,313	\$ 40,402
Current portion of long-term debt	51,500	51,500
Obligation under capital lease	-	-
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	133,594	134,694
Income taxes payable	9,413	48,997
Merchandise and other customer credits	39,196	38,755
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Total current liabilities	272,016	314,348
Long-term debt	289,210	179,065
Postretirement/employment benefit obligations	32,666	29,999
Other long-term liabilities	74,277	69,511
Stockholders' equity	1,109,187	1,036,945
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	\$ 1,777,356	\$ 1,629,868
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Certain reclassifications were made to the prior periods' condensed consolidated balance sheets.

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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 thereunto duly authorized.

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BY: /s/ Patrick B. Dorsey

Patrick B. Dorsey
Senior Vice President, Secretary and
General Counsel

Date: August 13, 2002

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