IONICS INC Form 8-K November 24, 2004

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 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) NOVEMBER 24, 2004

IONICS, INCORPORATED

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

MASSACHUSETTS	1-7211	04-2068530

(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation)(Commission
File Number)(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

65 GROVE STREET

WATERTOWN, MASSACHUSETTS 02472 (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (617) 926-2500

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (SEE General Instruction A.2. below):

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 $|_|$ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

 $|_|$ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

ITEM 8.01 OTHER EVENTS.

On November 24, 2004, Ionics, Incorporated, a Massachusetts corporation ("Ionics") issued a press release announcing the signing of a definitive agreement with General Electric Company, a New York corporation ("General Electric"), and Triton Acquisition Corp., a Massachusetts corporation and a wholly owned subsidiary of General Electric ("Triton"), pursuant to which Triton will merge with and into Ionics, and the separate corporate existence of Triton shall thereupon cease, and Ionics shall be the surviving corporation in the merger and a wholly-owned subsidiary of General Electric. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is hereby incorporated by reference.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibits.

The following Exhibits are filed as part of this report:

EXHIBIT NO. DESCRIPTION _____

> 99.1 Press Release, dated as of November 24, 2004, announcing the signing of a definitive agreement to be acquired by General Electric Company.

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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.

IONICS, INCORPORATED

November 24, 2004

By: /s/ Stephen Korn _____

Name: Stephen Korn Title: Vice President and General Counsel 3

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