## 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): 26 July 2004

# OCTEL CORP.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdictions

1-13879 Commission 98-0181725 (I.R.S. employer

of Incorporation)

File Number

 $identification\ number)$ 

Octel Corp., Global House, Bailey Lane, Manchester, UK (Address of principal executive offices)

M90 4AA (zip code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: 011 - 44 -161- 498 - 8889

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#### Item 5. Other Events

On July 8, 2004, Octel America, Inc., a Delaware corporation and wholly owned indirect subsidiary of Octel Corp., acquired the remaining 50% ownership interest (comprising 4,410 limited liability company units) in its joint venture, Octel Starreon LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, from Starreon Corporation, a Colorado corporation, for an aggregate consideration of US\$ 43 million.

In addition, Octel Corp. has purchased Leuna Polymer GmbH, a specialty chemicals company, for a consideration of EUR 6.5 million.

#### Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits

- (c) Exhibits:
  - 99.1 Press Release, dated July 26, 2004, announcing financial results and the completion of certain strategic acquisitions.

### Item 12. Disclosure of Results of Operations and Financial Condition

The press release, dated July 26, 2004, announced Octel Corp s results for the second quarter of the year ending December 31, 2004. The press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

The information contained in this Item 12, including the attached Exhibit 99.1, is being furnished and shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section, and shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document filed under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

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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 hereunto duly authorized.

OCTEL CORP.

By: /s/ Paul W. Jennings

Name: Paul W. Jennings

Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Date: July 26, 2004

## EXHIBIT INDEX

# **Exhibit** Description

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