

SAFEGUARD SCIENTIFICS INC

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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):

February 11, 2004

SAFEGUARD SCIENTIFICS, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

PENNSYLVANIA

1-5620

23-1609753

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

(Commission
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

800 The Safeguard Building, 435 Devon Park Drive, Wayne, PA

19087-1945

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(610) 293-0600

Not applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

ITEM 5 . Other Events

On February 11, 2004, Safeguard Scientifics, Inc. issued a press release announcing that it intends to offer \$100 million in aggregate principal amount of convertible senior debentures due 2024 to qualified institutional buyers pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and will also grant the initial purchaser of the debentures a 30-day option to purchase up to an additional \$25 million aggregate principal amount of the debentures.

The press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits

- (a) Financial Statements of Businesses Acquired.

None.

- (b) Pro Forma Financial Information.

None.

- (c) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release of Safeguard Scientifics, Inc. dated February 11, 2004.

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.

Safeguard Scientifics, Inc.

Dated: February 11, 2004

By: CHRISTOPHER J. DAVIS

Christopher J. Davis
Managing Director and Chief Financial Officer

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99.1 Press release dated February 11, 2004 issued by Safeguard Scientifics, Inc.



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**SAFEGUARD ANNOUNCES PROPOSED SALE OF
CONVERTIBLE SENIOR DEBENTURES**

Wayne, PA, February 11, 2004 – Safeguard Scientifics, Inc. (NYSE: SFE) announced today that it intends to offer \$100 million in aggregate principal amount of convertible senior debentures due 2024 to qualified institutional buyers pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. The Company will also grant the initial purchaser of the debentures a 30-day option to purchase up to an additional \$25 million aggregate principal amount of the debentures.

The Company intends to use all the net proceeds to partially repay indebtedness outstanding under its 5% Convertible Subordinated Notes due June 15, 2006.

The debentures will be offered only to “qualified institutional buyers,” in accordance with Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933. The debentures to be offered and the shares of common stock issuable upon conversion of the debentures will not be registered under the Securities Act of 1933 or the securities or blue sky laws of any jurisdiction and, unless registered, may not be offered or sold except pursuant to an exception from the registration requirements of the Securities Act and the applicable securities laws of any other jurisdictions. This announcement is neither an offer to sell nor a solicitation to buy any of these securities and shall not constitute an offer, solicitation or sale in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale is unlawful.

Forward-Looking and Cautionary Statements

Except for the historical information and discussions contained herein, statements contained in this release may constitute “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Our forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially, include, among others, managing rapidly changing technologies, limited access to capital, competition, the ability to attract and retain qualified employees, the ability to execute our strategy, the uncertainty of the future performance of our companies, acquisitions and dispositions of companies, the inability to manage growth, compliance with government regulations and legal liabilities, additional financing requirements, labor disputes, and the effect of economic conditions in the business sectors in which our companies operate, and other uncertainties described in the Company’s filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Many of these factors are beyond our ability to predict or control. In addition, as a result of these and other factors, our past financial performance should not be relied on as an indication of future performance. The Company does not assume any obligation to update any forward-looking statements or other information contained in this press release.

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