

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 Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (date of earliest event reported): May 13, 2003

Network Appliance, Inc.
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	0-27130	77-0307520
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

495 East Java Drive
Sunnyvale, CA 94089
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(408) 822-6000
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Item 9.

The information contained in Item 9 of this Current Report is being furnished pursuant to "Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition" in accordance with SEC Release No. 33-8216 (March 27, 2003).

On May 13, 2003, Network Appliance, Inc. issued a press release announcing its earnings for the fourth quarter and fiscal year ended April 30, 2003. The press release, attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1, is being furnished on this Form 8-K.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

May 13, 2003

By: /s/ Steven Gomo

Steven J. Gomo
Chief Financial Officer

Index to Exhibits

Exhibit	Description
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99.1	Press release of Network Appliance, Inc. issued on May 13, 2003.
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Network Appliance Announces Results for Fourth Quarter and Fiscal Year End 2003;
Sixth Consecutive Quarter of Growth

SUNNYVALE, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--May 13, 2003--Network Appliance, Inc. (Nasdaq:NTAP) today announced results for the fourth quarter and fiscal year 2003. Revenues for the fourth fiscal quarter were \$241.6 million, an increase of 18% compared to revenues of \$204.9 million for the same period a year ago, and a 6% increase compared to \$228.5 million in the prior quarter.

For the fourth quarter, GAAP net income increased 219% to \$24.8 million, or \$0.07 per share, compared to GAAP net income of \$7.8 million, or \$0.02 per share for the same period in the prior year. Pro forma net income for the fourth quarter increased 75% to \$25.5 million, or \$0.07 per share, compared to pro forma net income of \$14.6 million, or \$0.04 per share for the same period a year ago.

Revenues for fiscal year 2003 were \$892.1 million, an increase of 12% compared to revenues of \$798.4 million for fiscal year 2002.

For fiscal year 2003, GAAP net income was \$76.5 million, or \$0.22 per share, compared to GAAP net income of \$3.0 million, or \$0.01 per share for fiscal year 2002. Pro forma net income for fiscal year 2003 increased 97% to \$83.8 million, or \$0.24 per share, compared to pro forma net income of \$42.5 million, or \$0.12 per share for fiscal year 2002.

"We are pleased with our performance for the quarter, particularly with our cash generation and the continued strength of the balance sheet. Our 12% increase in revenue over the last fiscal year is a direct reflection of our strong sales and operational performance," said Dan Warmenhoven, CEO of Network Appliance. "NetApp remains an industry market leader with our innovative products being recognized by eWeek and Network Magazine for best products of the year."

Quarterly Highlights

Throughout the fourth quarter and fiscal year 2003, Network Appliance accelerated its momentum by developing new storage solutions, expanding its customer base, strengthening its partnerships, and gaining market acceptance for its new and expanded unified storage, NearStore(TM), and NetCache(R) families.

Product milestones for the fourth quarter included the launch of Network Appliance's first native iSCSI storage solution in the form of iSCSI protocol support and host attach kits for NetApp(R) unified storage systems. The company also has extended its heterogeneous data protection and storage consolidation portfolio with the debut of the NearStore R150 system, SnapVault(TM) software, MetroCluster software, and a certified NearStore and VERITAS Volume Replicator offering. In addition, Network Appliance announced SnapLock(TM), an open access data retention solution targeted at regulated data industries such as financial services, healthcare, pharmaceuticals, and government.

On other product-related milestones, Network Appliance won two awards in the fourth quarter including Best Enterprise IT Product of the Year for its FAS900 by eWeek, and Best Product of the Year for its NetApp NearStore R100 by Network Magazine.

During the fourth quarter, customers from a variety of industries worldwide selected Network Appliance to store, manage and consolidate their business- and mission-critical data in the fourth quarter. Unified and SAN storage wins include B. Braun Medical France, Brocade Communications Systems, Inc., L'Oreal, Nationwide Insurance, and SAS. Other enterprise customer wins include Emerson, Honda, Krispy Kreme Doughnuts, Inovant, Statoil, and the U.S. Army. NearStore customer wins included Affymetrix, Johnson Controls and The Home Depot.

Also during the fourth quarter, Network Appliance continued to expand its unified storage strategy and solution initiatives through partnerships with key industry leaders. NetApp and HDS announced the availability of their co-developed, co-branded HDS NetApp Enterprise NAS Gateway. NetApp and Intel announced their partnership to co-develop and market standards-compliant iSCSI solutions.

Network Appliance also announced today that the Board of Directors has approved a \$150 million stock repurchase program to purchase shares of its outstanding common stock.

Network Appliance's fiscal year 2004 will be a 53-week year with the extra week falling into the first quarter. The company's targeted quarterly results dates for the fiscal year are August 19, 2003, November 18, 2003, February 17, 2004 and May 18, 2004.

Pro forma results exclude amortization of goodwill and intangible assets, stock compensation, restructuring charges, net loss on investments, gain on sale of intangible assets, and the related effects on income taxes.

Earnings per share represents the diluted number of shares for all periods presented.

The conference call will be broadcast live via the Internet from the investors section of Network Appliance's Web site at <http://investors.netapp.com> on Tuesday, May 13, 2003 at 2:00 p.m. Pacific Time. The conference call will also be available live in a listen-only format at 800/218-0530 in the United States, and 212/329-1452 outside the United States. A replay will be available for 72 hours following completion of the live call by dialing 800/405-2236 in the United States, and 303/590-3000 outside the United States, replay code 534799.

About Network Appliance

Network Appliance is a world leader in unified storage solutions for today's data-intensive enterprise. Since its inception in 1992, Network Appliance has delivered technology, product, and partner firsts that continue to drive the evolution of storage. Information about Network Appliance(TM) solutions and services is available at www.netapp.com.

NetApp and NetCache are registered trademarks. Network Appliance, NearStore, SnapVault, and SnapLock are trademarks of Network Appliance, Inc. in the U.S. and other countries. All other brands or products are trademarks or registered trademarks of their respective holders and should be treated as such.

Network Appliance Usage of Pro forma Financials

The Company refers to the non-GAAP financial measures cited above in making operating decisions because they provide meaningful supplemental information regarding the Company's operational performance. In addition, these non-GAAP financial measures facilitate management's internal comparisons to the Company's historical operating results and comparisons to competitors' operating results. We include these non-GAAP financial measures in our earnings announcement because we believe they are useful to investors in allowing for greater transparency with respect to supplemental information used by management in its financial and operational decision-making. In addition, we have historically reported similar non-GAAP financial measures to our investors and believe that the inclusion of comparative numbers provides consistency in our financial reporting at this time.

"Safe Harbor" Statement under U.S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995

The statement regarding the stock repurchase program is a forward-looking statement within the meaning of the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements include any statement regarding future events or the future financial performance of Network Appliance Inc. that involves risks or uncertainties. In evaluating these statements, readers should specifically consider various factors that could cause actual events or results to differ materially from those indicated, including without limitation: continuing decline in the general economic conditions, customer demand for products and services, customer acceptance of product architectures, increased competition, inherent risk in the international operations, and other important factors as described in Network Appliance, Inc. reports and documents filed from time to time with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including its mostly recently submitted 10-K and 10-Q.

Note to editors: tables to follow

Note to Shareholder.com: NTAP - FIN

(Unaudited)

	April 30, 2003	April 30, 2002
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ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 284,161	\$ 210,756
Short-term investments	334,677	243,371
Accounts receivable, net	151,637	146,511
Inventories	31,559	23,849
Prepaid expenses and other	24,014	22,112
Deferred income taxes	27,444	32,529
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Total current assets	853,492	679,128
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, net	362,862	345,195
GOODWILL	48,212	49,422
INTANGIBLE ASSETS, net	2,954	8,828
OTHER ASSETS	51,653	26,233
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	\$1,319,173	\$1,108,806
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LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Accounts payable	\$ 39,600	\$ 40,243
Income taxes payable	30,256	17,073
Accrued compensation and related benefits	40,647	39,434
Other accrued liabilities	43,841	42,671
Deferred revenue	110,672	76,139
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Total current liabilities	265,016	215,560
LONG-TERM DEFERRED REVENUE	63,698	31,036
LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS	3,102	3,734
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	331,816	250,330
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STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	987,357	858,476
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	\$1,319,173	\$1,108,806
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NETWORK APPLIANCE, INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME
(In thousands, except per share amounts)
(Unaudited)

	Quarter Ended		Year Ended	
	April 30, 2003	April 30, 2002	April 30, 2003	April 30, 2002
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REVENUES				
Product revenue	\$217,138	\$185,263	\$802,281	\$729,916
Service revenue	24,467	19,616	89,787	68,453
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Total revenues	241,605	204,879	892,068	798,369
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COST OF REVENUES				

Cost of product revenue	74,427	58,725	274,211	261,857
Cost of service revenue	18,781	15,048	65,953	55,989
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Total cost of revenues	93,208	73,773	340,164	317,846
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GROSS MARGIN	148,397	131,106	551,904	480,523
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OPERATING EXPENSES:				
Sales and marketing	79,158	75,065	304,236	284,355
Research and development	28,333	30,837	112,863	116,725
General and administrative	10,419	8,781	36,822	40,182
Amortization of goodwill and intangible assets	1,364	5,217	5,478	20,895
Stock compensation	536	1,447	3,642	7,202
Restructuring charges	--	4,246	1,257	12,226
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Total operating expenses	119,810	125,593	464,298	481,585
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INCOME (LOSS) FROM OPERATIONS	28,587	5,513	87,606	(1,062)
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE), net:				
Interest income	3,116	3,839	12,215	18,507
Other expense, net	(462)	(1,039)	(1,381)	(1,904)
Net loss on investments	(503)	--	(1,229)	(13,008)
Gain on sale of intangible asset	--	--	604	--
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Total other income, net	2,151	2,800	10,209	3,595
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INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAXES	30,738	8,313	97,815	2,533
PROVISION (BENEFIT) FOR INCOME TAXES	5,915	540	21,343	(500)
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NET INCOME	\$ 24,823	\$ 7,773	\$ 76,472	\$ 3,033
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NET INCOME PER SHARE:				
BASIC	\$ 0.07	\$ 0.02	\$ 0.23	\$ 0.01
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DILUTED	\$ 0.07	\$ 0.02	\$ 0.22	\$ 0.01
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SHARES USED IN PER SHARE CALCULATION:				
BASIC	339,854	334,401	337,647	331,645
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DILUTED	352,144	353,841	350,122	350,498
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:				
NET INCOME	\$ 24,823	\$ 7,773	\$ 76,472	\$ 3,033
Adjustments:				
Amortization of goodwill	--	3,786	--	15,169

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Stock compensation	536	1,447	3,642	7,202
Restructuring charges	0	4,246	1,257	12,226
Net loss on investments	503	--	1,229	13,008
Gain on sale of intangible asset	--	--	(604)	--
Income tax effect	(1,707)	(4,073)	(3,685)	(13,907)
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PROFORMA NET INCOME	\$ 25,519	\$ 14,610	\$ 83,789	\$ 42,457
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DILUTED PRO FORMA NET INCOME PER SHARE	\$ 0.07	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.24	\$ 0.12
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SHARES USED IN DILUTED PRO FORMA NET INCOME PER SHARE CALCULATION:	352,144	353,841	350,122	350,498
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NETWORK APPLIANCE, INC.
PRO FORMA (1) CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME
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OPERATING EXPENSES:				
Sales and marketing	79,158	75,065	304,236	284,355
Research and development	28,333	30,837	112,863	116,725
General and administrative	10,419	8,781	36,822	40,182
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Total operating expenses	117,910	114,683	453,921	441,262
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INCOME FROM OPERATIONS	30,487	16,423	97,983	39,261
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OTHER INCOME, net	2,654	2,800	10,834	16,603
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INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAXES	33,141	19,223	108,817	55,864
PROVISION FOR INCOME TAXES	7,622	4,613	25,028	13,407
NET INCOME	=====	=====	=====	=====
	\$ 25,519	\$14,610	\$ 83,789	\$ 42,457
NET INCOME PER SHARE:				
BASIC	=====	=====	=====	=====
	\$ 0.08	\$0.04	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.13
DILUTED	=====	=====	=====	=====
	\$ 0.07	\$0.04	\$ 0.24	\$ 0.12
SHARES USED IN PER SHARE CALCULATION:				
BASIC	=====	=====	=====	=====
	339,854	334,401	337,647	331,645
DILUTED	=====	=====	=====	=====
	352,144	353,841	350,122	350,498

(1) Pro forma results of operations exclude amortization of goodwill and intangible assets, stock compensation, restructuring charges, net loss on investments, gain on sale of intangible asset and the related effects on income taxes.

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