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> 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: March 8, 2004 (Date of Earliest Event Reported: March 5, 2004)

EL PASO CORPORATION (Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

(State or other (Commission File (I.R.S. Employer jurisdiction of Number) incorporation or organization)

Number) Identification No.)

El Paso Building 1001 Louisiana Street Houston, Texas 77002 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (713) 420-2600

Item 5. Other Events and Regulation FD Disclosure

On March 5, 2004, we announced that we have closed the sale of our Aruba refinery and related marine, bunkering and marketing affiliates to Valero Energy Corporation resulting in total gross proceeds of \$627 million. A copy of this press release is attached as Exhibit 99.A and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits.

Exhibit

Number Description

99.A Press Release dated March 5, 2004.

SIGNATURES

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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.

EL PASO CORPORATION

By: /s/ Jeffrey I. Beason

Jeffrey I. Beason
Senior Vice President
and Controller

(Principal Accounting Officer)

Dated: March 8, 2004

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