

AETHER SYSTEMS INC  
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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**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)

**October 15, 2002**

**000-27707**

(Commission File Number)

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**AETHER SYSTEMS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant)

**Delaware**

(State of organization)

**52-2186634**

(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

**11460 Cronridge Dr., Owings Mills, Maryland 21117**

(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

**(410) 654-6400**

(Registrant's telephone number)

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**Not Applicable**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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**Item 5. Other Events.**

On October 15, 2002, Aether Systems, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release with respect to its offer to purchase for cash, at prices determined by a "Modified Dutch Auction" procedure within the purchase price range of \$700 to \$750 per \$1,000 principal amount, the Company's 6% Convertible Subordinated Notes due 2005 (the "Notes") up to a maximum aggregate principal amount of \$100 million, or approximately 48% of the outstanding principal amount of the Notes. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release of Aether Systems, Inc., dated October 15, 2002.

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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.

**AETHER SYSTEMS, INC.**

By: /s/ David C. Reymann

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David C. Reymann  
Chief Financial Officer

Dated: October 15, 2002

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