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ELECTRO SCIENTIFIC INDUSTRIES INC

Form 8-K August 27, 2002

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): August 26, 2002

ELECTRO SCIENTIFIC INDUSTRIES, INC.

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Oregon 0-12853 93-0370304

(State or other jurisdiction (Commission of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

13900 NW Science Park Drive, Portland, OR 97229

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (503) 641-4141

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE REPORT

Former name or former address, if changed since last report: No change.

Item 5. Other Events and Regulation FD Disclosure

Electro Scientific Industries, Inc. ("ESI") amended the Amended and Restated Rights Agreement, dated as of March 1, 2002, between ESI and Mellon Investor Services LLC effective as of August 26, 2002 to permit EQSF Advisors, Inc. to beneficially own up to, but not including, an aggregate of 19.99% of the outstanding shares of ESI's common stock. The amendment is filed as an exhibit under Item 7(c) of this report

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

Exhibit Number Exhibit Title

4 First Amendment to Amended and Restated Rights Agreement, dated as of August 26, 2002, between Electro Scientific Industries, Inc. and Mellon Investor Services LLC.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,

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the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

ELECTRO SCIENTIFIC INDUSTRIES, INC.

By: /s/ John E. Isselmann, Jr.

Name: John E. Isselmann, Jr. Title: General Counsel & Assistant

Corporate Secretary

Dated: August 26, 2002.

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