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Form 8-K  
April 22, 2002

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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  
And Regulation FD

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) April 17, 2002

WHIRLPOOL CORPORATION

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	1-3932	38-1490038
----- (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	----- (Commission File Number)	----- (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

2000 M63 North, Benton Harbor, Michigan 49022-2692

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(Address of principal executive officers) (Zip Code)

(616)-923-5000

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Registrant's telephone number, including area code

Item 5. Other Events  
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On April 17, 2002, the Company announced its first quarter 2002 earnings. First quarter core earnings were \$92 million, or \$1.32 per diluted share, compared with core earnings of \$73 million, or \$1.10 per diluted share, in the first quarter of 2001.

First quarter net earnings were \$84 million, or \$1.21 per diluted share, compared with net earnings of \$41 million, or \$0.61 per diluted share, in the same period last year. Net sales of \$2.6 billion increased 2 percent, or 5 percent absent currency translations, from the first quarter of 2001.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits  
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Copy of press release dated April 17, 2002.

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SIGNATURE

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.

WHIRLPOOL CORPORATION

Registrant

Date: April 22, 2002

By: /s/ Robert T. Kenagy

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Name: Robert T. Kenagy  
Title: Corporate Secretary