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> 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

> MAY 3, 2004 (Date of Report)

CNA SURETY CORPORATION (Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

> 1-13277 (Commission File No.)

DELAWARE

34-4144905 (State or other jurisdiction) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

CNA PLAZA, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS (Address of principal executive offices)

60685 (Zip code)

(312) 822-5000 (Registrant's telephone number, include area code)

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS

See Exhibit 99 to this Form 8-K

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(C) Exhibits

> Exhibit 99 - CNA Surety Corporation Press Release issued on May 3, 2004.

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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 thereunto duly authorized.

CNA SURETY CORPORATION (Registrant)

By: /s/ John F. Corcoran

John F. Corcoran

Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Dated: May 3, 2004

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99. CNA Surety Corporation Press Release issued on May 3, 2004.