# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION <br> Washington, D.C. 20549 

## FORM 8-K

## Current Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)

 of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): January 7, 2003

## SYNBIOTICS CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)
Commission file number 0-11303

California
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation )
11011 Via Frontera
San Diego, California
(Address of principal executive offices)

95-3737816
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (858) 451-3771

## Item 5. Other Events

On January 7, 2003, we announced that Paul Richard Hays had joined Synbiotics Corporation as President and Chief Operating Officer, and that Mr. Hays had been appointed as a member of the Board of Directors.

## Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits

a) Financial statements of businesses acquired

Not applicable.
b) Pro forma financial information

Not applicable.
c) Exhibits

99 Press release dated January 7, 2003 entitled Synbiotics Announces New President and Chief Operating Officer .

## 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.

## SYNBIOTICS CORPORATION

/s/ Keith A. Butler

Keith A. Butler
Vice President - Finance and Chief Financial Officer

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## EXHIBITS

TO

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