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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): March 19, 2004

SCANSOFT, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

DELAWARE (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

000-27038 (Commission

94-3156479 (Commission (IRS Employer File Number) Identification No.)

9 CENTENNIAL DRIVE PEABODY, MASSACHUSETTS 01960 (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(978) 977-2000

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS AND REQUIRED FD DISCLOSURE.

On March 19, 2004, ScanSoft, Inc. (the "Company") announced that Paul Ricci, the Company's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, has indicated that during the next 120-days he intends to exercise options to purchase as many as 750,000 shares of the Company's common stock and sell them in order to finance the purchase of a home in Massachusetts.

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.

SCANSOFT, INC.

By: /s/ David A. Gerth

David A. Gerth Chief Financial Officer

Date: March 19, 2004