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**UNITED STATES  
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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): March 31, 2003

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**COLUMBIA SPORTSWEAR COMPANY**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**OREGON**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**0-23939**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**93-0498284**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**14375 NW Science Park Drive, Portland, Oregon**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**97229**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(503) 985-4000**

**No Change**  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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**Item 5. Other Events.**

On March 31, 2003, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Columbia Sportswear Company (the "Company") merged with and into Mountain Hardwear, Inc., resulting in Mountain Hardwear, Inc. becoming a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company. The Company's press release announcing the merger is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits.

99.1 Press release dated April 1, 2003.



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## EXHIBIT INDEX

<u>Exhibit</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press release dated April 1, 2003

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****Media contacts: Emily Petterson  
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Columbia Sportswear  
503-985-4128****COLUMBIA SPORTSWEAR COMPLETES ACQUISITION OF  
MOUNTAIN HARDWEAR, INC.**

**PORTLAND, Ore. (April 1, 2003)** – Outdoor apparel and footwear leader Columbia Sportswear Company® (Nasdaq: COLM) announced today that it has completed its previously announced acquisition of Mountain Hardwear, Inc. The aggregate consideration was approximately \$36 million, including approximately \$30 million in cash and \$6 million in debt assumption. A wholly owned subsidiary of Columbia Sportswear merged with and into Mountain Hardwear effective March 31, 2003. As a result of the merger, Mountain Hardwear is now a wholly-owned subsidiary of Columbia Sportswear.

**ABOUT MOUNTAIN HARDWEAR, INC.**

A small group of outdoor industry veterans founded Mountain Hardwear, Inc. in 1993 to design, source and market high-end outdoor equipment, apparel and accessories. Having won numerous product and customer service awards since inception, the Company now distributes its products through specialty outdoor and sporting goods retailers in the United States and in 25 countries worldwide. Based in Richmond, Calif., Mountain Hardwear recorded an unaudited \$31.4 million in revenue during 2002. For more information about Mountain Hardwear, please visit [www.mountainhardwear.com](http://www.mountainhardwear.com).

**ABOUT COLUMBIA SPORTSWEAR COMPANY**

Founded in 1938 in Portland, Ore., Columbia Sportswear Company is a global leader in the design, sourcing, marketing and distribution of active outdoor apparel and footwear. As one of the largest outerwear brands in the world and the leading seller of skiwear in the United States, the Company has developed an international reputation for quality, performance, functionality and value. To learn more about Columbia Sportswear, Convert and the Sorel brands, please visit the Company's Web sites at [www.columbia.com](http://www.columbia.com), [www.convertboardwear.com](http://www.convertboardwear.com) or visit [www.sorel.com](http://www.sorel.com).