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) November 6, 2003

CAPSTONE TURBINE CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 001-15957 95-4180883 (State or other jurisdiction (Commission file number) (I.R.S. Employer of incorporation) Identification No.)

21211 Nordhoff Street, Chatsworth, California 91311 (Address of principal executive offices)

(818) 734-5300

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Item 9. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE (The following discussion is furnished under "Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition")

The following information, including the text of the press release attached as an Exhibit to this Form 8-K, is being furnished pursuant to Item 12. "Results of Operations and Financial Condition," under Item 9. "Regulation FD Disclosure" in accordance with SEC Release No. 33-8216.

On November 6, 2003, Capstone Turbine Corporation (the "Company") announced via a press release the Company's financial results for its third quarter ended September 30, 2003. A copy of the Company's press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1. This Form 8-K and the attached exhibit are provided under Item 12 of Form 8-K and are furnished to, but not filed with, the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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

CAPSTONE TURBINE CORPORATION (Registrant)

Date: November 6, 2003 By: /s/ Karen Clark

Karen Clark Chief Financial Officer

Exhibit Index

Exhibit Number Description of Document -----

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Press Release of Registrant, dated November 6, 2003, reporting Registrant's fiscal third quarter results. Capstone Turbine Announces Third Quarter Results

CHATSWORTH, Calif.—(BUSINESS WIRE)——Nov. 6, 2003——Capstone Turbine Corporation (Nasdaq:CPST) (www.microturbine.com), the world's leading microturbine power systems manufacturer, today reported its results for the quarter ended September 30, 2003.

Revenue for the quarter was \$2.3 million as compared with \$3.9 million for the third quarter of 2002. Capstone shipped 1.9 megawatts of product in the period, about 60% of the volume for the same period a year ago. Capstone's CFO, Karen Clark, said, "In September, we identified quality issues with some components used in the manufacturing of C60 products and low pressure natural gas C30s. We delayed shipping these products until the issues were remedied. Shipments resumed for the C60 products in late September and for the low pressure C30 products in mid October. It is important to note that, while shipments for the third quarter were less than we anticipated, no orders were cancelled as a result of these production delays."

For the third quarter of 2003, Capstone's net loss was \$9.0 million, or (\$0.11) per share compared to a net loss of \$10.8 million or (\$0.14) per share during the third quarter of 2002.

The Company's new CEO, John Tucker, commented, "It has been an exciting first 90 days at Capstone. My top priority was to talk with our distributors and end user customers to understand their perceptions of our products and overall performance. That provided very helpful insights. A number of common themes emerged from these conversations. There is strong support for Capstone's technology, but we have work to do to fully meet the market's expectations." Tucker outlined his immediate action plans — to improve execution in delivering robust products to customers, to improve customer service responsiveness, to integrate the design and manufacturing processes and to inject seasoned leadership into the organization.

"Within my first three weeks, we announced significant changes at Capstone. We grouped sales, marketing and customer service under a new Senior Vice President of Sales and Service. We integrated Engineering and Operations under a new Senior Vice President of Operations and announced a new Vice President of Human Resources. Additionally, we appointed an interim Vice President of Quality. These individuals were all recruited to Capstone to lead the change process and to bring sound fundamentals and the building blocks to drive quality execution throughout the business," Tucker said.

In outlining his expectations, Tucker continued, "Our Sales and Service organization will be assessing the market opportunities, working with our distribution partners to identify those markets with strong potential for our products. Our intent is to drive our business structure and product development efforts to support these market applications and then systematically attack those targeted markets." Tucker observed, "Our approach to attacking the market isn't novel, it reflects sound business fundamentals. The key is in executing."

In summary, Tucker concluded, "There is a lot of hard work ahead, but I believe we are building the right team for the job. I am delighted to have this opportunity to lead Capstone and more than ever believe in the prospects for our business."

Third Quarter Financial Highlights

Gross loss in the quarter was \$2.2 million, compared to \$2.4 million for the same period in the prior year. This improvement came from lower production overhead spending.

Research and development ("R&D") costs were \$2.4 million in the period, net of \$0.1 million of contract reimbursement offsets. This compared to \$1.9 million in the third quarter of 2002, net of \$1.5 million in contract offsets. While R&D spending decreased \$0.9 million between periods, the lower contract reimbursement offsets resulted in an increase in reported R&D costs of \$0.5 million.

Selling, general and administrative expenses decreased to \$4.6 million, two-thirds the amount recorded in the third quarter of 2002, reflecting lower spending rates in the current period.

As of September 30, 2003, Capstone had \$119.9 million in cash and cash equivalents, with no long-term debt. The company's cash

utilization was \$6.4 million in the third quarter of 2003, compared to a use of \$10.8 million in the third quarter of 2002.

Conference call

The company will host a conference call today, Thursday, November 6, at 2:00 p.m. Pacific Time, to further review the company's third quarter results. Access to the live broadcast and a replay of the webcast will be available until February 3, 2004, through the company's web site: www.microturbine.com.

About Capstone Turbine

Capstone Turbine Corporation (www.microturbine.com) (Nasdaq:CPST) is the world's leading producer of low-emission microturbine systems. In 1998, Capstone was the first to offer commercial power products utilizing microturbine technology, the result of more than ten years of focused research. Capstone Turbine has sold and shipped more than 2,500 commercial production Capstone MicroTurbine systems to customers worldwide. These award-winning systems have logged more than 4 million hours of operation.

This press release contains "forward-looking statements," as that term is used in the federal securities laws, about Capstone's business, with regard to its ability to address its market challenges, identify the market opportunities with strong potential, successfully attack the targeted markets, improve the robustness of its products, improve its customer service, and drive change in the business. These forward-looking statements are subject to numerous assumptions, risks and uncertainties that may cause Capstone's actual results to be materially different from any future results expressed or implied in such statements. Such factors include, but are not limited to:

- 1) Market acceptance and trends;
- 2) The ability to enhance the quality and reliability of Capstone's products;
- 3) The limited operating history characterized by net losses;
- 4) The abilities of new management to effect beneficial changes;
- 5) The ability of Capstone to successfully execute its production and marketing plans; and
- 6) Other factors detailed in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Capstone cautions readers not to place undue reliance on these statements, which speak only as of the date of this release. Capstone undertakes no obligation, and specifically disclaims any obligation, to release any revisions to any forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this release or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

"Capstone Turbine Corp." is a registered trademark of Capstone Turbine Corporation. All other trademarks mentioned in this press release are the property of their respective owners.

CAPSTONE TURBINE CORPORATION CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (Unaudited)

September 30, December 31, 2003 2002

Assets

Current Assets:

Cash and cash equivalents
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for
doubtful accounts and sales returns of

\$119,949,000 \$140,310,000

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|---|------------------------|-----------------------|
| \$578,000 at September 30, 2003 and \$194,000 at December 31, 2002 | 2,749,000 | 4,893,000 |
| Inventory | 10,596,000 | 9,124,000 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 2,092,000 | 2,331,000 |
| Total current assets | 135, 386, 000 | 156, 658, 000 |
| Equipment and Leasehold Improvements: | | |
| Machinery, equipment, and furniture | 22,996,000 | 22,996,000 |
| Leasehold improvements | 8,497,000 | 8,480,000 |
| Molds and tooling | 4,316,000 | 4,350,000 |
| | 35,809,000 | 35,826,000 |
| Less accumulated depreciation and amortization | 10 476 000 | 15 246 000 |
| amortization | 18,476,000 | 15,346,000 |
| Total equipment and leasehold | | |
| improvements, net | 17,333,000 | 20,480,000 |
| | | |
| Non Commant Position of Townstown | 2 707 000 | 6,784,000 |
| Non-Current Portion of Inventory Intangible Asset, net | 3,787,000 1,828,000 | , , |
| Other Assets | 492,000 | 1,240,000 |
| Other Assets | | |
| Total | \$158,826,000 | <i>\$</i> 187,191,000 |
| Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity | | |
| Current Liabilities: | | |
| Accounts payable | \$1,726,000 | \$4,321,000 |
| Accrued salaries and wages | 1,420,000 | 2,088,000 |
| Other accrued liabilities | 1,314,000 | 1,132,000 |
| Accrued warranty reserve | 6,196,000 | 6,913,000 |
| Deferred revenue | 1,817,000 | 734,000 |
| Current portion of capital lease | | |
| obligations | 1,158,000 | 1,522,000 |
| Total current liabilities | 13,631,000 | 16,710,000 |
| | | |
| Long-Term Portion of Capital Lease | | |
| Obligations | 251,000 | 974,000 |
| 021192010115 | 231,000 | 3/4/000 |
| Other Long-Term Liabilities | 1,232,000 | 1,325,000 |
| Commitments and Contingencies | | |
| Stockholders' Equity: Common stock, \$.001 par value; 415,000,000 shares authorized; 83,631,310 shares issued and 83,080,102 shares outstanding at September 30, 2003; 81,635,035 shares issued and 81,437,822 shares outstanding | | |
| at December 31, 2002 | 84,000 | 82,000 |
| Additional paid-in capital | • | 526, 952, 000 |
| Accumulated deficit | | (358, 646, 000) |
| Less Deferred stock compensation | (577,000) | |
| Less Treasury stock, at cost; 551,208 | • | |
| shares at September 30, 2003; 197,213 | | |
| shares at December 31, 2002 | (513,000) | (206,000) |
| Total stockholders' equity | 143,712,000 | 168,182,000 |
| Total | \$158,826,000 | \$187,191,000 |

CAPSTONE TURBINE CORPORATION CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (Unaudited)

Three Nine

| | Months Ended September 30, | | Months Ended September 30, | |
|--|-------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| | 2003 | 2002 | 2003 | 2002 |
| Revenues Cost of Goods | \$ 2,347,000 | \$ 3,887,000 | \$ 9,261,000 | \$ 15,886,000 |
| Sold | 4,551,000 | 6,301,000 | 16,246,000 | 25,481,000 |
| Gross Loss | (2,204,000) | (2,414,000) | (6, 985, 000) | (9,595,000) |
| Operating Expenses: Research and | | | | |
| development Selling, general and | 2,402,000 | 1,880,000 | 5,858,000 | 4,938,000 |
| administrativ Impairment los | | 7,057,000 | 14,140,000 | 25,067,000 |
| on marketing rights Total operating | - | - | - | 15,999,000 |
| costs and | | | | |
| expenses Loss from | 7,045,000 | 8,937,000 | 19,998,000 | 46,004,000 |
| Operations | (9,249,000) | (11,351,000) | (26, 983, 000) | (55, 599, 000) |
| Interest Income | 309,000 | 687,000 | 1,148,000 | 2,266,000 |
| Interest Expense | e (52,000) | (97,000) | (189,000) | (316,000) |
| Other Income | - | 3,000 | 1,000 | 28,000 |
| Loss Before Income Taxes Provision for | (8,992,000) | (10, 758, 000) | (26, 023, 000) | (53, 621, 000) |
| Income Taxes | _ | _ | 2,000 | 2,000 |
| Net Loss | \$(8,992,000) | \$(10,758,000) | \$ (26, 025, 000) | \$ (53, 623, 000) |
| Weighted Average Common Shares | e | | | |
| Outstanding | 82,116,448 | 77,526,602 | 81,959,287 | 77, 455, 926 |
| Net Loss Per Share of Common Stock - Basic | 1 | | | |
| and Diluted | \$ (0.11) | \$ (0.14) | \$ (0.32) | \$ (0.69) |

CAPSTONE TURBINE CORPORATION CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (Unaudited)

Nine Months Ended September 30,

| | 2003 | 2002 | |
|---|-------------------|----------------|--|
| Cash Flows from Operating Activities: | | | |
| Net loss | \$ (26,025,000)\$ | (53, 623, 000) | |
| Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash used in operating activities: | | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 4,790,000 | 8,065,000 | |
| Impairment loss on marketing rights | | 15,999,000 | |
| Non-cash reversal of administrative | | | |
| expenses | (1,099,000) | | |
| Provision for doubtful accounts and | • • • • • | | |
| sales returns | <i>556,</i> 000 | 169,000 | |
| Inventory write-down | 62,000 | 3,002,000 | |
| Provision for warranty expenses | 2,011,000 | 2,364,000 | |
| Loss on disposal of equipment | 217,000 | 86,000 | |
| Non-employee stock compensation | 28,000 | | |
| Employee and director stock | | | |
| compensation | 537,000 | 780,000 | |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities: | | | |
| Accounts receivable | 1,589,000 | 2,028,000 | |
| | | | |

| Inventory | 1,462,000 | 1,883,000 |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| Prepaid expenses and other current | | |
| assets | 238,000 | (1,220,000) |
| Other assets | | (267,000) |
| Accounts payable | (1,496,000) | (110,000) |
| Accrued salaries and wages and | | |
| deferred compensation | (704,000) | 319,000 |
| Other accrued liabilities | 125,000 | (55,000) |
| Accrued warranty reserve | (2,728,000) | (2,239,000) |
| Deferred revenue | 1,083,000 | (838,000) |
| Net cash used in operating | | |
| activities | (19, 354, 000) | (23, 657, 000) |
| Cash Flows from Investing Activities: Acquisition of and deposits on fixed | | |
| assets | (950,000) | (2,116,000) |
| Proceeds from disposal of fixed assets | 26,000 | |
| • | | |
| Net cash used in investing | | |
| activities | (924,000) | (2,116,000) |
| | | |
| Cash Flows from Financing Activities: | | |
| Repayment of capital lease obligations Exercise of stock options and employee | (1,073,000) | (976,000) |
| stock purchases | 1,297,000 | 214,000 |
| Acquisition of treasury stock | (307, 000) | · |
| - | | |
| Net cash used in financing | | |
| activities | (83,000) | (762,000) |
| | | |
| Net Decrease in Cash and Cash Equivalents Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of | (20, 361, 000) | (26, 535, 000) |
| Period | 140,310,000 | 170,868,000 |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Period | \$119,949,000 | \$144,333,000 |
| Supplemental Disclosures of Cash Flow Information: Cash paid during the period for: Interest | \$189,000 | \$316,000 |
| | | |

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Income taxes

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