

THORATEC CORP  
Form 8-K  
May 26, 2011

**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): **May 25, 2011**

**THORATEC CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

**000-49798**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**94-2340464**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**6035 Stoneridge Drive**

**Pleasanton, California 94588**

(Address of principal executive offices including zip code)

**(925) 847-8600**

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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**Not Applicable**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 5.07. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.**

At the Thoratec Corporation (the Company) Annual Meeting of Shareholders held on May 25, 2011 (the Annual Meeting), the shareholders of the Company voted on the following four proposals, each of which are described in detail in the Company's definitive proxy statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 11, 2011.

Proposal No. 1: To elect eight directors to serve for the ensuing year or until their successors are elected and qualified:

	<b>For</b>	<b>Number of Votes Withheld</b>	<b>Non Votes</b>
Gerhard F. Burbach	46,672,109	749,205	4,351,536
J. Daniel Cole	46,504,614	916,700	4,351,536
Steven H. Collis	46,742,985	678,329	4,351,536
Neil F. Dimick	39,439,869	7,981,445	4,351,536
Elisha W. Finney	46,771,791	649,523	4,351,536
D. Keith Grossman	46,509,259	912,055	4,351,536
Paul A. LaViolette	46,726,648	694,666	4,351,536
Daniel M. Mulvena	46,505,263	916,051	4,351,536

Proposal No. 2: To conduct an advisory vote on the compensation of the Company's named executive officers:

	<b>Number of Votes</b>
For	41,606,442
Against	4,086,765
Abstain	1,728,107
Non Votes	4,351,536

Proposal No. 3: To conduct an advisory vote on the frequency of the advisory vote on the compensation of the Company's named executive officers:

	<b>Number of Votes</b>
Three Years	15,656,679
Two Years	157,211
One Year	29,881,889
Abstain	1,725,440
Non Votes	4,351,536

Proposal No. 4: Ratification of the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as the Company's independent auditors for its fiscal year ending December 31, 2011:

**Number of Votes**

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For	51,312,654
Against	442,385
Abstain	17,811

In accordance with the shareholders vote in favor of an advisory vote to occur every year, the Company has decided to hold an advisory vote on the compensation of the Company's named executive officers every year, until the next required vote on the frequency of the shareholder vote on the compensation of named executive officers.

**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.

Dated as of May 26, 2011

**THORATEC CORPORATION**

By: */s/ Gerhard F. Burbach*  
Gerhard F. Burbach  
*President and Chief Executive Officer*