

AULT INC
Form S-8
January 22, 2004

As filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on January 22, 2004.

Registration No. 333-_____

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

FORM S-8

REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

AULT INCORPORATED

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Minnesota

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

41-0842932

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**7105 Northland Terrace
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55428**

(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

AULT INCORPORATED 1996 EMPLOYEE STOCK PURCHASE SAVINGS PLAN

(Full title of the Plan)

Frederick M. Green
President and Chief Executive Officer
Ault Incorporated
7105 Northland Terrace
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55428
(763) 592-1910
(Name, address and telephone
number, including area code,
of agent for service)

Copy to:
Richard A. Primuth
Rebecca B. Sandberg
Lindquist & Vennum P.L.L.P.
4200 IDS Center
80 South 8th Street
Minneapolis, MN 55402
(612) 371-3211

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of securities to be registered	Amount to be registered	Proposed maximum offering price per share	Proposed maximum aggregate offering price	Amount of registration fee
Common Stock, no par value	100,000 shares	\$3.21 ⁽¹⁾	\$321,000 ⁽¹⁾	\$25.97

(1) Estimated solely for the purpose of determining the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457(c) and (h) and based upon the average high and low sale price of the Company's Common Stock on the Nasdaq National Market on January 20, 2004.

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INCORPORATION OF CONTENTS OF REGISTRATION STATEMENT BY REFERENCE

A Registration Statement on Form S-8 (File No. 333-04609) was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 28, 1996 covering the registration of 100,000 shares initially authorized for issuance under the Company's 1996 Employee Stock Purchase Savings Plan (the Plan). Pursuant to General Instruction E of Form S-8 and Rule 429, this Registration Statement is being filed to register an additional 100,000 shares authorized under the Plan. An amendment to the Plan to increase the reserved and authorized number of shares under the Plan by 100,000 was authorized by the Company's Board of Directors on March 10, 2003 and approved by the Company's shareholders on October 16, 2003. The contents of the prior Registration Statement are incorporated herein by reference.

PART I

Pursuant to Part I of Form S-8, the information required by Items 1 and 2 of Form S-8 is not filed as a part of this Registration Statement and such information will be given to employees as specified by Rule 428(b)(1).

PART II

Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.

The following documents filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission are hereby incorporated by reference:

- (a) The Annual Report of the Company on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 1, 2003.
- (b) The Definitive Proxy Statement dated September 16, 2003 for the Annual Meeting of Shareholders held on October 16, 2003.
- (c) The Quarterly Reports of the Company on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended August 31, 2003 and November 30, 2003;
- (d) The Current Reports of the Company on Form 8-K filed on August 12, 2003 and October 16, 2003.
- (e) The description of the Company's Common Stock to be offered pursuant to this Registration Statement is incorporated by reference to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 filed on July 18, 1983 (No. 2-85224).

All documents subsequently filed by the Company pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 prior to the completion or termination of this offering of shares of Common Stock shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement and to be a part hereof from the date of filing of such documents.

Item 4. Description of Securities.

The description of the Company's Common Stock to be offered pursuant to this Registration Statement has been incorporated by reference into this Registration Statement as described in Item 3 of this Part II.

Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel.

Not applicable.

Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

Article XI of the Registrant's Bylaws provides that the Registrant shall indemnify any person who at any time shall serve or shall have served as a director, officer or employee of the Corporation, or of any other enterprise at the request of the Corporation, and the heirs, executors and administrators of such person in accordance with, and to the fullest extent permitted by the provisions of the Minnesota Business Corporation Act, Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 302A, as it may be amended from time to time.

Section 302A.521 of the Minnesota Business Corporation Act provides that a corporation shall indemnify any person made or threatened to be made a party to a proceeding by reason of acts or omissions performed in their official capacity as an officer, director, employee or agent of

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the corporation against judgments, penalties, fines, including without limitation, excise taxes assessed against such person with respect to an employee benefit plan, settlements, and reasonable expenses, including attorneys' fees and disbursements, incurred by such person in connection with the proceeding if, with respect to the acts or omissions of such person complained of in the proceeding, such person (i) has not been indemnified by another organization or employee benefit plan for the same expenses with respect to the same acts or omissions; (ii) acted in good faith; (iii) received no improper personal benefit and Minnesota Statutes, Section 302A.255 (regarding conflicts of interest), if applicable, has been satisfied; (iv) in the case of a criminal proceeding, has no reasonable cause to believe the conduct was unlawful; and (v) in the case of acts or omissions by persons in their official capacity for the corporation, reasonably believed that the conduct was in the best interests of the corporation, or in the case of acts or omissions by persons in their capacity for other organization, reasonably believed that the conduct was not opposed to the best interests of the corporation. In addition, Section 302A.521, Subd. 3, of the Minnesota Statutes requires payment or reimbursement by the corporation, upon written request, of reasonable expenses (including attorneys' fees) incurred by a person in advance of the final disposition of a proceeding in certain instances if a decision as to required indemnification is made by a disinterested majority of the Board of Directors present at a meeting at which a disinterested quorum is present, or by a designated committee of the Board, by special legal counsel, by the shareholders or by a court.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to our directors, officers and controlling persons pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, we have been advised that, in the opinion of the SEC, such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable.

Item 7. Exemption from Registration Claimed.

Not applicable.

Item 8. Exhibits.

Exhibit

- 4.1 Ault Incorporated 1996 Employee Stock Purchase Savings Plan, as amended
- 5.1 Opinion of Lindquist & Vennum P.L.L.P.
- 23.1 Consent of Lindquist & Vennum P.L.L.P. (included in Exhibit 5.1)

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23.2 Consent of Deloitte & Touch LLP, independent public accountants

24.1 Power of Attorney (set forth on the signature page hereof)

Item 9. Undertakings.

The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes:

- (1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:
 - (iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement;

(2) That, for determining liability under the Securities Act, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of the securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

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(b) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(h) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers, and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer, or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Minneapolis, State of Minnesota, on January 22, 2004.

AULT INCORPORATED

By: /s/ Frederick M. Green
Frederick M. Green
President and Chief Executive
Officer

POWER OF ATTORNEY

The undersigned officers and directors of Ault Incorporated hereby constitute and appoint Frederick M. Green and Donald L. Henry, or either of them, with power to act one without the other, our true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for us and in our stead, in any and all capacities to sign any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) to this Registration Statement and all documents relating thereto, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorney-in-fact and agent, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing necessary or advisable to be done in and about the premises, as fully to all intents and purposes as he might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorney-in-fact and agent, or his substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this registration statement has been signed below by the following persons on January 22, 2004, in the capacities indicated.

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Title</u>
<u>/s/ Frederick M. Green</u> Frederick M. Green	President, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board (Principal Executive Officer)
<u>/s/ Donald L. Henry</u> Donald L. Henry	Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)

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Signature

Title

Carol A. Barnett

Director

/s/ Brian T. Chang
Brian T. Chang

Director

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/s/ John Colwell, Jr.
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Director

/s/ John G. Kassakian
John G. Kassakian

Director

/s/ David J. Larkin
David J. Larkin

Director

Marvonja Pearson Walker

Director

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