

HELEN OF TROY LTD
Form 8-K
June 03, 2004

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 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): **June 1, 2004**

HELEN OF TROY LIMITED

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Bermuda (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	001-14669 (Commission File Number)	74-2692550 (IRS Employer Identification No.)
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**Clarendon House
Church Street
Hamilton, Bermuda**
(Business Address of Registrant)

**One Helen of Troy Plaza
El Paso, Texas 79912**
(United States Mailing Address of Registrant)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(915) 225-8000**

No Change
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Item 2. Acquisition or Disposition of Assets.

On June 1, 2004, Helen of Troy Limited (the Company) announced that, indirectly through its subsidiary Helen of Troy Limited (Barbados), the Company had completed its acquisition of certain assets and liabilities of OXO International from World Kitchen (GHC), LLC, WKI Holding Company, Inc. and World Kitchen, Inc. (collectively, Seller) for approximately \$273.2 million plus the assumption of certain liabilities. The nature and amount of consideration related to the acquisition were determined by arms-length negotiations between the Company and Seller. To fund the acquisition, the Company entered into a Credit Agreement, dated as of June 1, 2004 (the Credit Agreement), with Helen of Troy L.P., Bank of America, N.A. and the other lenders party thereto and a Term Loan Credit Agreement (the Term Loan Credit Agreement), dated as of June 1, 2004, with Helen of Troy L.P., Banc of America Mezzanine Capital, LLC and the other lenders party thereto. The purchase price of the OXO International acquisition was funded by borrowings of \$73.2 million under the Credit Agreement and \$200.0 million under the Term Loan Credit Agreement. The assets acquired included intellectual property, contracts, goodwill, inventory and books and records. The assumed liabilities included contractual obligations and accruals. The Company intends to continue to operate the acquired assets on substantially the same basis as such assets were operated by Seller prior to the closing.

The press release, Credit Agreement, Term Loan Credit Agreement, Acquisition Agreement and Amendment to the Acquisition Agreement are attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits.

- (a) Financial Statements of Business Acquired. As permitted by Form 8-K, the required financial statements for OXO International will be filed under cover of an amendment to this Form 8-K as soon as practicable, but no later than 60 days after this Report is required to be filed.
- (b) Pro Forma Financial Information. As permitted by Form 8-K, the required pro forma financial information required to be filed in connection with the acquisition will be filed under cover of an amendment to this Form 8-K as soon as practicable, but no later than 60 days after this Report is required to be filed.
- (c) Exhibits.

Exhibit Number	Description
2.1	Acquisition Agreement, dated April 29, 2004, by and among World Kitchen (GHC), LLC, WKI Holding Company, Inc., World Kitchen, Inc., Helen of Troy Limited (Barbados), and Helen of Troy Limited (Bermuda) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 to the Company s Current Report on Form 8-K, dated April 30, 2004).
2.2	Amendment to the Acquisition Agreement, dated June 1, 2004, by and among World Kitchen (GHC), LLC, WKI Holding Company, Inc., World Kitchen, Inc., Helen of Troy Limited (Barbados), and Helen of Troy Limited (Bermuda).
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pursuant to the Credit Agreement, dated June 1, 2004.

10.4 Guaranty, dated as of June 1, 2004, made by Helen of Troy Limited (Bermuda), Helen of Troy Limited (Barbados), Hot Nevada, Inc., Helen of Troy Nevada Corporation, Helen of Troy Texas Corporation, Idelle Labs Ltd. and OXO International Ltd., in favor of Banc of America Mezzanine Capital, LLC and other lenders, pursuant to the Term Loan Credit Agreement, dated June 1, 2004.

99.1 Press Release dated June 1, 2004.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

HELEN OF TROY LIMITED

Date: June 3, 2004

By: /s/ Thomas J. Benson
Thomas J. Benson
Senior Vice President and Chief
Financial Officer

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