

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D
Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
(Amendment No. 8)

ENVIRODYNE INDUSTRIES, INC.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share

(Title of Class of Securities)

294037205

(CUSIP Number)

Joseph L. von Rosenberg III
Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary
ZAPATA CORPORATION
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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized
to Receive Notices and Communications)

May 15, 1997

(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition which is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of Rule 13d-1(b)(3) or (4), check the following box [].

Note: Six copies of this statement, including all exhibits, should be filed with the Commission. See Rule 13d-1(a) for other parties to whom copies are to be sent.

INTRODUCTORY NOTE.

This Amendment No. 8 to Schedule 13D is being filed on behalf of Zapata Corporation, a Delaware corporation ("Zapata"), to supplement certain information set forth in the Schedule 13D relating to securities of Envirodyne Industries, Inc. (the "Issuer") originally filed by Zapata on August 17, 1995, as amended by Amendments No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 to Schedule 13D filed on June 21, 1996, March 10, 1997, March 31, 1997, April 18, 1997, April 23, 1997, April 29, 1997 and May 14, 1997, respectively.

ITEM 4. PURPOSE OF TRANSACTION

Item 4 to the Schedule 13D is hereby supplemented as follows:

On May 15, 1997, Zapata sent a letter to F. Edward Gustafson, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Issuer, relating to Zapata's proposal made on May 14, 1997 for a merger transaction with the Issuer by which Zapata would acquire the shares of Common Stock of the Issuer not owned by Zapata for consideration of \$8 per share, consisting of \$4 per share in cash and \$4 per share in common stock of Zapata, with the stock consideration to be based on an exchange ratio to be determined. The letter and the related press release issued by Zapata are filed as Exhibit 99.9 and Exhibit 99.10 hereto, respectively, and are incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 7. MATERIAL TO BE FILED AS EXHIBITS

Exhibit Number -----	Document Description -----
99.9	Letter from Zapata Corporation to Envirodyne Industries, Inc. dated May 15, 1997
99.10	Zapata Corporation press release dated May 15, 1997

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of the undersigned's knowledge and belief, the undersigned certifies that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: May 15, 1997.

ZAPATA CORPORATION

By: /s/ JOSEPH L. VON ROSENBERG III

Joseph L. von Rosenberg III
Executive Vice President,
General Counsel and
Corporate Secretary

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[Zapata Letterhead]

May 15, 1997

VIA FACSIMILE (630-571-0959)

Mr. F. Edward Gustafson
Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer and President
Envirodyne Industries, Inc.
701 Harger Road, Suite 190
Oak Brook, Illinois 60521

Dear Mr. Gustafson:

To allay any concern that Zapata would not proceed with its proposal conveyed to you yesterday for a merger in which stockholders of Envirodyne would receive consideration valued at \$8 per share, Zapata undertakes that if Zapata should withdraw its proposal at any time prior to November 15, 1997 (which Zapata does not intend to do if its slate of directors is elected at tomorrow's meeting), one of Zapata's designees on the board of directors of Envirodyne would resign, and Zapata's remaining designees on the board would vote in favor of a replacement director designated by the directors not affiliated with Zapata.

Sincerely,

/s/ AVRAM A. GLAZER

Avram A. Glazer

ZAPATA CORPORATION STRENGTHENS
COMMITMENT TO ACQUIRE ENVIRODYNE
INDUSTRIES, INC.

HOUSTON, TX - MAY 15, 1997 - ZAPATA CORPORATION (NYSE:ZAP) announced today that it has sent the following letter to Mr. F. Edward Gustafson, Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer and President of Envirodyne Industries, Inc.:

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Sincerely,

Avram A. Glazer

Avram A. Glazer, Chief Executive Officer and President of Zapata, said, "We believe this commitment should demonstrate that Zapata is serious about its proposal to acquire Envirodyne."

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