

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

Date of Report: JANUARY 31, 1994

ZAPATA CORPORATION
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	1-4219 (Commission File Number)	C-74-1339132 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
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P.O. BOX 4240 HOUSTON, TEXAS (Address of principal executive offices)	77210-4240 (Zip Code)
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(713) 940-6100
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

NOT APPLICABLE
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS.

The information set forth in the press release issued by Zapata Corporation on January 31, 1994 and filed as Exhibit 1 hereto is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibits.

Exhibit 1 - Press release of Zapata Corporation issued on January 31, 1994.

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.

ZAPATA CORPORATION
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Thomas H. Bowersox

Name: Thomas H. Bowersox
Title: Executive Vice President

Date: February 8, 1994

ZAPATA REPORTS INCOME
FOR FIRST 1994 QUARTER

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
January 31, 1994

HOUSTON--Zapata Corporation reported net income of \$17.3 million for the first quarter of fiscal 1994, which ended December 31, 1993, compared with net income of \$1.0 million for the first quarter of the previous year, Zapata Chairman and Chief Executive Officer R.C. Lassiter announced today.

"The improvement in net income for the first quarter of 1994 compared with the previous year is attributable to a pretax gain of \$33.8 million from the sale of 3.75 million shares of Zapata's Tidewater Inc. common stock," Lassiter said. Zapata used most of the \$77.8 million in proceeds from the sale to prepay 13 percent senior debt and strengthen the Company's balance sheet. As a result, Zapata's debt totalled \$74.5 million at the end of the quarter.

"Zapata's financial condition today is significantly improved from that of any time in recent history and the company is poised for future growth," Lassiter said. "Total debt of \$74.5 million compares very favorably to stockholder's equity of \$194.6 million. Zapata's investment in net property and equipment of \$149.4 million has grown considerably from the \$96.3 million of one year ago."

As a result of lower gas production volumes in the Gulf of Mexico, however, Zapata's operating income of \$2.2 million for the first quarter of fiscal 1994 was below the \$2.5 million reported for that of the year-earlier quarter. While other operating divisions (including newly-acquired Energy Industries) reported improved results, operating income from Zapata's oil and gas division fell from \$3.0 million during the first quarter of fiscal 1993 to \$200,000 for the first quarter of 1994.

"Production difficulties in the company's principal gas field, the Wisdom field, have been thoroughly analyzed and efforts to restore production will begin in February," the Zapata Chairman said. "We had anticipated a December start-up, but the lack of workover rig availability delayed the project."

Zapata's 1994 first quarter financial statements include the results from Energy Industries, a major international supplier of natural gas compression equipment and services, which Zapata acquired in November. During the two-month period, Energy Industries contributed operating income of \$1.0 million on revenues of \$12.6 million.

As a result of the addition of gathering systems and processing facilities acquired during 1993, Zapata's natural gas gathering/processing subsidiary, Cimarron Gas Companies, Inc., improved its operating results from the year-earlier period. Despite lower prices for natural gas liquids caused by falling oil prices, Cimarron had operating income for the 1994 first quarter of \$600,000 on \$43.5 million of revenues. The 1993 quarterly results included \$200,000 of Cimarron's operating income on revenues of \$50.7 million.

Zapata's marine protein operations reported improved operating performance during the quarter based on increased sales volumes of fish meal and fish oil. Divisional operating income totalled \$1.8 million for the first quarter of 1994, versus operating income of \$500,000 for the year-earlier quarter. Revenue for the first quarter of 1994 was \$20.7 million, compared with \$13.0 million a year earlier.

Zapata Corporation (NYSE symbol: ZOS) is a Houston-based international company primarily involved in natural gas services. Zapata rents, fabricates and services natural gas compression packages, as well as gathers and processes natural gas. Zapata also produces natural gas and marine protein products.

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INCOME STATEMENT: FIRST FISCAL QUARTER

(Unaudited; in millions, except per share)

	1994	1993
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Revenues	\$ 80.2	\$ 70.9
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Expenses:		
Operating	70.1	61.8
Depreciation	3.5	3.7
Administrative	4.4	2.9
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	78.0	68.4
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Operating income	2.2	2.5
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Interest expense, net	(3.0)	(3.4)
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Other income:		
Gain on sale of Tidewater common stock	33.8	---
Other	(6.3)	1.9
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	27.5	1.9
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Income before income taxes	26.7	1.0
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Provision for income taxes	9.4	---
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Net income	17.3	1.0
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Preferred stock dividends	0.1	0.1
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Net income available to common stock	\$ 17.2	\$ 0.9
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Net income per common share	\$ 0.11	\$ 0.01
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Average common shares and equivalents outstanding	155.0	129.9

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DIVISIONAL REVENUES AND OPERATING INCOME: FIRST FISCAL QUARTER

(Unaudited; in millions)

	1994	1993
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Revenues		
Natural Gas Compression	\$12.6	\$ ---
Natural Gas Gathering/Processing	43.5	50.7
Oil & Gas	3.4	7.2

Marine Protein	20.7	13.0
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	\$80.2	\$70.9
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Operating income (loss)		
Natural Gas Compression	\$ 1.0	\$ ---
Natural Gas Gathering/Processing	0.6	0.2
Oil & Gas	0.2	3.0
Marine Protein	1.8	0.5
Corporate	(1.4)	(1.2)
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	\$ 2.2	\$ 2.5
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BALANCE SHEET: FIRST FISCAL QUARTER

(Unaudited; in millions)

	December 31	
	1993	1992
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Assets		
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Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 22.0	\$ 30.3
Receivables	33.8	25.0
Inventory	53.3	23.8
Other current assets	2.9	3.5
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Total current assets	112.0	82.6
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Investments	12.2	115.0
Goodwill	27.6	1.9
Other assets	24.7	16.9
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	64.5	133.8
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Property and equipment	193.9	128.1
Less accumulated depreciation	(44.5)	(31.8)
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	149.4	96.3
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Total assets	\$325.9	\$312.7
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Liabilities/Stockholders' Investment		
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Current maturities	\$ 2.9	\$ 19.8
Other current liabilities	41.4	35.0
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Total current liabilities	44.3	54.8
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Long-term debt	71.5	116.1
Other liabilities	15.5	14.7
Stockholders' investment	194.6	127.1
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Total liabilities/stockholders' investment	\$325.9	\$312.7
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