

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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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): August 27, 2002

**Cole National Corporation**  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**1-12814**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**34-1453189**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**5915 Landerbrook Drive, Mayfield Heights, Ohio**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**44124**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant’s telephone number, including area code: (440) 449-4100

Not Applicable  
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

**Item 5. Other Events.**

On August 27, 2002, Cole National Corporation issued a press release, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto.

**SIGNATURE**

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.

**Cole National Corporation**

By: /s/ Tracy L. Burmeister  
Name: Tracy L. Burmeister  
Title: Vice President, Accounting & Reporting  
(Duly Authorized Officer and Principal  
Accounting Officer)

Date: August 27, 2002

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number	Description
99.1	Press release, dated August 27, 2002