

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 OF 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): February 3, 2009

TECHNE CORPORATION  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Minnesota	0-17272	41-1427402
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

614 Mckinley Place NE	
Minneapolis, MN	55413
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)	(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (612) 379-8854

Not Applicable  
(Former Name or Former Address, if changed since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligations of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

// Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

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// Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01 Other Events

A copy of the press release issued by Techne Corporation on February 3, 2009, announcing a cash dividend is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated February 3, 2009.

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.

Dated: February 3, 2009                      TECHNE CORPORATION

By: /s/ Thomas E. Oland

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Name: Thomas E. Oland

Title: President and Chief

Executive Officer

#### EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No. Description

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99.1 Press release of Techne Corporation dated February 3, 2009.

TECHNE CORPORATION DECLARES DIVIDEND

Minneapolis/February 3, 2009-Techne Corporation (NASDAQ:TECH) announced that its Board of Directors has approved a dividend payment of \$0.25 per share for the quarter ended December 31, 2008. The quarterly dividend will be payable February 27, 2009 to all common shareholders of record on February 13, 2009. Future cash dividends will be considered by the Board of Directors on a quarterly basis.

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Techne Corporation has two operating subsidiaries: Research and Diagnostic Systems, Inc. (R&D Systems) of Minneapolis, Minnesota and R&D Systems Europe, Ltd. (R&D Europe) of Abingdon, England. R&D Systems is a specialty manufacturer of biological products. R&D Systems has two subsidiaries, BiosPacific, Inc. (BiosPacific), located in Emeryville, California and R&D Systems China Co. Ltd., (R&D China), located in Shanghai, China. BiosPacific is a worldwide supplier of biologics to manufacturers of in vitro diagnostic systems and immunodiagnostic kits. R&D China and R&D Europe distribute biotechnology products.

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