

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): May 1, 2012

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:

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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 May 1, 2012, 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 May 1, 2012.

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: May 1, 2012

TECHNE CORPORATION

By: /s/ Thomas E. Oland

Name: Thomas E. Oland

Title: President and Chief
Executive Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press release of Techne Corporation dated May 1, 2012.

TECHNE CORPORATION DECLARES DIVIDEND

Minneapolis/May 1, 2012/ -- Techne Corporation (NASDAQ:TECH) announced that its Board of Directors has decided to pay a dividend of \$0.28 per share for the quarter ended March 31, 2012. The quarterly dividend will be payable May 25, 2012 to all common shareholders of record on May 11, 2012. 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 three operating subsidiaries, BiosPacific, Inc. (BiosPacific), located in Emeryville, California, Boston Biochem, Inc., located in Cambridge, Massachusetts 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. Boston Biochem is a leading developer and manufacturer of ubiquitin-related research products. R&D China and R&D Europe distribute biotechnology products. R&D Europe has two subsidiaries, Tocris Holding, Ltd (Tocris) of Bristol, England and R&D Systems GmbH, a German sales operation. Tocris is a leading supplier of reagents for non-clinical life science research.

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