

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)
December 4, 1996

ANIKA RESEARCH, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

Massachusetts
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

000-21326
(Commission file number)

04-3145961
(IRS employer identification number)

236 West Cummings Park, Woburn, Massachusetts
(Address of principal executive offices)

01801
(Zip code)

(617) 932-6616
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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Item 5. Other Events

On December 4, 1996, the Company announced the appointment of Edward Ross Jr. to the previously vacant position of vice president of sales and marketing.

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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.

ANIKA RESEARCH, INC.

Date: December 13, 1996

By: /s/ Sean F. Moran

Sean F. Moran
Vice President of Finance and
Treasurer
(Principal Financial and
Accounting Officer)

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