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**UNITED STATES  
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**

**October 25, 2004**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)**

**Commission File Number 1-6560**

**THE FAIRCHILD CORPORATION**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**

(State of incorporation or organization)

**34-0728587**

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**1750 Tysons Boulevard, Suite 1400, McLean, VA 22102**

(Address of principal executive offices)

**(703) 478-5800**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**Not Applicable**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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## **FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS:**

Certain statements in this filing contain "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 with respect to our financial condition, results of operation and business. These statements relate to analyses and other information, which are based on forecasts of future results and estimates of amounts not yet determinable. These statements also relate to our future prospects, developments and business strategies. These forward-looking statements are identified by their use of terms and phrases such as "anticipate," "believe," "could," "estimate," "expect," "intend," "may," "plan," "predict," "project," "will" and similar terms and phrases, including references to assumptions. These forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties, including current trend information, projections for deliveries, backlog and other trend estimates that may cause our actual future activities and results of operations to be materially different from those suggested or described in this financial discussion and analysis by management. These risks include: our ability to find, finance, acquire and successfully operate one or more new businesses; product demand; weather conditions in Europe during peak business periods; timely deliveries from vendors; our dependence on the aerospace industry; customer satisfaction and quality issues; labor disputes; competition; our ability to achieve and execute internal business plans; worldwide political instability and economic growth; military conflicts; reduced airline revenues as a result of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the United States, and their aftermath; reduced airline travel due to infectious diseases; and the impact of any economic downturns and inflation.

If one or more of these and other risks or uncertainties materializes, or if underlying assumptions prove incorrect, our actual results may vary materially from those expected, estimated or projected. Given these uncertainties, users of the information included in this report, including investors and prospective investors are cautioned not to place undue reliance on such forward-looking statements. We do not intend to update the forward-looking statements included in this filing, even if new information, future events or other circumstances have made them incorrect or misleading.

## **ITEM 8.01. OTHER EVENTS**

On October 25, 2004, The Fairchild Corporation issued a press release announcing that Mr. Anthony Churchill has been named Managing Director of its subsidiary, Hein Gericke Deutschland GmbH.

## **ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS**

(C) Exhibits.

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**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.

Dated: October 25, 2004

THE FAIRCHILD CORPORATION

By: /s/ Donald E. Miller  
Name: Donald E. Miller  
Title: Executive Vice President,  
General Counsel and Secretary

**For Immediate Release**

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**Fairchild Sports Appoints Anthony Churchill as Managing Director of Hein Gericke**

**Duesseldorf, Germany, October 25, 2004** –The Fairchild Corporation (NYSE: FA) announced today that Mr. Anthony Churchill has been named Managing Director of its subsidiary, Hein Gericke Deutschland GmbH. Mr. Churchill will run Hein Gericke’s business operations with Dr. Eric Steiner, Managing Director of Hein Gericke Deutschland and President and Chief Operating Officer of The Fairchild Corporation.

Prior to joining Hein Gericke, Mr. Churchill was the managing director of the Marker Group. Mr. Churchill has also held managerial positions with multi-national sporting goods companies, with which he was based in Germany and the Netherlands.

“We are pleased to have Mr. Churchill as managing director for Hein Gericke. Along with his strong business building capabilities, marketing and management skills, he adds broad experience with branding, lifestyle products, and retail sales in the international arena. He will join with us in promoting the growth and brand recognition of Hein Gericke internationally,” said Dr. Eric Steiner.

**About The Fairchild Corporation**

Hein Gericke, PoloExpress and Fairchild Sports U.S., which was formerly known as Intersport Fashions West, combine to form Fairchild Sports. Fairchild Sports designs and sells protective clothing, helmets and technical accessories for motorcyclists. In addition to its Fairchild Sports companies, The Fairchild Corporation is engaged in an aerospace distribution business which stocks a wide variety of parts, and distributes them to operators and aerospace companies providing aircraft parts and services to customers worldwide. The Fairchild Corporation also owns and operates a shopping center located in Farmingdale, New York. Additional information is available on The Fairchild Corporation web site ([www.fairchild.com](http://www.fairchild.com)).