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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, 1998

Baker Hughes Incorporated

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

Delaware	1-9397	76-0207995
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

3900 Essex Lane, Houston, Texas 77027
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:(713)439-8600

Item 8. Change in Fiscal Year.

Effective August 27, 1998, the Board of Directors of Baker Hughes Incorporated (the "Company") determined to change the Company's fiscal year-end from September 30 to December 31. A report on Form 10-Q, covering the three-month transition period ending December 31, 1997, will be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission in accordance with its rules and regulations.

The Press Release dated September 8, 1998, relating to the change of the fiscal year, is attached as Exhibit A and is incorporated herein by reference.

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.

BAKER HUGHES INCORPORATED

Date: September 11, 1998

By: /s/ Lawrence O'Donnell, III

Lawrence O'Donnell, III
Vice President and
General Counsel

Exhibit A Press Release
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BAKER HUGHES CHANGES FISCAL YEAR-END

September 8, 1998. Houston, Texas - Baker Hughes Incorporated (BHI - NYSE, PCX, EBS) announced today the change of its fiscal year-end from September 30 to a calendar year-end of December 31.

Due to the change of its fiscal year-end, the 1999 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of the Company will be held on April 28, 1999.

Pursuant to the Company's Bylaws, the time period for receipt by the Secretary of the Company of any shareholder proposals in connection with the Annual Meeting has been extended until, and will expire on, September 18, 1998.

Baker Hughes is a leading supplier of reservoir-centered products, services and systems to the worldwide oil and gas industry and is a leading supplier of separation technologies to the worldwide process industries.

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