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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

Report of Foreign Issuer Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16

of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

[December 4, 2002]

Metso Corporation

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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(Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.)

Yes No X

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RATING ON METSO CORPORATION CONFIRMED AT Baa2 BY MOODY S

(Helsinki, Finland, December 4, 2002) Moody's Investors Service has confirmed the current Baa2 long-term rating for Metso Corporation (NYSE: MX; HEX: MEO). At the same time Metso's outlook was changed from stable to negative.

Metso Corporation is a global supplier of process industry machinery and systems, as well as know-how and aftermarket services. The corporation's core businesses are fiber and paper technology (Metso Paper), rock and mineral processing (Metso Minerals) and automation and control technology (Metso Automation). In 2001, the net sales of Metso Corporation were EUR 4.3 billion and the personnel totaled approximately 30,000. Metso Corporation is listed on the Helsinki and New York Stock Exchanges.

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SIGNATURES

Date December 4, 2002

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, thereunto duly authorized.

By:

Name: Sakari Tamminen
Title: Executive & Vice President CFO
Metso Corporation

By:

Name: Harri Luoto
Title: Senior Vice President,
General Counsel
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