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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): October 16, 2008

UNITED TECHNOLOGIES CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 1-812 (Commission File Number) 06-0570975 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

One Financial Plaza Hartford, Connecticut 06103 (Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (860) 728-7000

N/A (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 obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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Section 2—Financial Information

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On October 16, 2008, United Technologies Corporation issued a press release announcing its third quarter 2008 results.

The press release issued October 16, 2008 is furnished herewith as Exhibit No. 99 to this Report, and shall not be deemed filed for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

Section 9—Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits.

The following exhibits are included herewith:

Exhibit

 Number
 Exhibit Description

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 Press release, dated October 16, 2008, issued by United Technologies Corporation.

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.

UNITED TECHNOLOGIES CORPORATION (Registrant)

By: /s/ GREGORY J. HAYES

Gregory J. Hayes Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Date: October 16, 2008

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UTC REPORTS THIRD QUARTER EPS UP 10 PERCENT TO \$1.33, CONFIRMS HIGH END OF 2008 EARNINGS GUIDANCE

HARTFORD, Conn., Oct. 16, 2008 – United Technologies Corp. (NYSE:UTX) today reported third quarter 2008 earnings per share of \$1.33 and net income of \$1.3 billion, up 10 percent and 6 percent, respectively, over the year ago quarter. Results for the current quarter include a \$0.03 per share net impact for restructuring costs in excess of a one time gain. In 2007, a one time gain exceeded restructuring costs for a net benefit of \$0.04 per share. Excluding restructuring costs and the one time gains in both periods, earnings per share grew 16 percent year over year.

Third quarter consolidated revenues increased 7 percent to \$14.8 billion, including 4 percent organic growth. Foreign currency translation accounted for 3 points of the revenue growth and \$0.03 of the earnings per share increase. Cash flow from operations was \$1.8 billion and capital expenditures were \$268 million for the quarter.

"UTC had another solid quarter, with operating margin expansion of 50 basis points and four of six business units reporting double digit earnings growth," said Louis Chênevert, UTC President and Chief Executive Officer. "Based on the strong performance in the first three quarters of the year, we are raising the bottom end of earnings per share guidance to \$4.90 from \$4.80. We now expect earnings per share of \$4.90—\$4.95, up 15 to 16 percent above 2007 earnings per share.

"While we did see order rates slow in some businesses in the quarter given the current turmoil, our backlogs across UTC remain strong. We are confident our balanced portfolio, global footprint, and strong aftermarket presence will enable us to deliver on our guidance," Chênevert said.

New equipment orders at Otis were flat in the quarter, with solid double digit growth in Asia offset by a decline in North America. Carrier's Commercial HVAC new equipment orders were up double digits globally. Commercial aerospace spares orders in the quarter were below sales at Pratt & Whitney's Commercial Engines business and approximately equal to sales at Hamilton Sundstrand.

Chênevert added, "In the face of ongoing economic challenges, we continue to aggressively reduce costs and restructure our businesses. In the third quarter, we spent \$93 million on restructuring, and we're on track to spend around \$300 million for the full year. We also spent \$950 million for share repurchase in the quarter for a total of \$2.5 billion year to date and now expect share repurchase to be around \$3 billion for 2008. We believe these actions, together with the balance of UTC's businesses, will position us to outperform peers in 2009.

"Cash flow from operations less capital expenditures was 123% of net income in the quarter. We continue to expect cash flow from operations less capital expenditures to meet or exceed net income for the full year," Chênevert continued.

The accompanying tables include information integral to assessing the company's financial position, operating performance, and cash flow.

United Technologies Corp., based in Hartford, Connecticut, is a diversified company providing high technology products and services to the building and aerospace industries. Additional information, including a webcast, is available on the Internet at http://www.utc.com.

This release includes "forward-looking statements" concerning expected revenue, earnings, cash flow, restructuring and share repurchases; anticipated benefits of UTC's diversification, cost reduction efforts, and business model; and other matters. These matters are subject to risks and uncertainties. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those anticipated or implied in forward looking statements include the health of the global economy; the impact of volatility and deterioration in financial markets on overall levels of economic activity; strength of end market demand in construction and in both the commercial and defense segments of the aerospace industry; fluctuation in commodity prices, interest rates, foreign currency exchange rates, and the impact of weather conditions; and company-specific factors including the impact of financial market volatility and deterioration on the financial strength of customers and suppliers and on levels of air travel; the availability and impact of acquisitions; the rate and ability to effectively integrate acquired businesses; the

ability to achieve cost reductions at planned levels; challenges in the design, development, production and support of advanced technologies and new products and services; delays and disruption in delivery of materials and services from suppliers; labor disputes; and the outcome of legal proceedings. The level of share repurchases may vary depending on the level of other investing activities. For information identifying other important economic, political, regulatory, legal, technological, competitive and other uncertainties, see UTC's SEC filings as submitted from time to time, including but not limited to, the information included in UTC's 10-K and 10-Q Reports under the headings "Business," "Risk Factors," "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and "Cautionary Note Concerning Factors that May Affect Future Results," as well as the information included in UTC's Current Reports on Form 8-K.

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Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations

(Millions, except per share amounts)		Quarter Ended September 30, (Unaudited) 2008 2007		Nine Months Ended September 30, (Unaudited) 2008 2007	
Revenues	\$14,814	\$13,863	\$44,182	\$40,045	
Cost and Expenses					
Cost of goods and services sold	10,664	10,068	32,004	29,193	
Research and development	436	399	1,281	1,197	
Selling, general and administrative	1,665	1,508	5,075	4,398	
Operating Profit	2,049	1,888	5,822	5,257	
Interest expense	177	179	518	492	
Income before income taxes and minority interests	1,872	1,709	5,304	4,765	
Income taxes	502	434	1,480	1,355	
Minority interests	101	78	280	246	
Net Income	\$ 1,269	\$ 1,197	\$ 3,544	\$ 3,164	
Net Earnings Per Share of Common Stock					
Basic	\$ 1.36	\$ 1.24	\$ 3.76	\$ 3.28	
Diluted	\$ 1.33	\$ 1.21	\$ 3.68	\$ 3.19	
Average Shares					
Basic	933	963	943	966	
Diluted	951	989	964	991	

As described on the following pages, consolidated results for the quarters and nine months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007 include non-recurring items, restructuring and related charges.

See accompanying Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

Segment Revenues and Operating Profit

(Millions)	Quarter Ended September 30, (Unaudited)		Nine Months Ended September 30, (Unaudited)	
Revenues	2008	2007	2008	2007
Otis	\$ 3,245	\$ 2,936	\$ 9,706	\$ 8,522
Carrier	3,917	3,738	11,682	10,923
UTC Fire & Security	1,624	1,471	4,960	4,066
Pratt & Whitney	3,150	3,036	9,649	8,911
Hamilton Sundstrand	1,532	1,427	4,643	4,144
Sikorsky	1,438	1,307	3,768	3,511
Segment Revenues	14,906	13,915	44,408	40,077
Eliminations and other	(92)	(52)	(226)	(32)
Consolidated Revenues	\$14,814	\$13,863	\$44,182	\$40,045
Operating Profit				
Otis	\$ 648	\$ 567	\$ 1,899	\$ 1,673
Carrier	421	420	1,156	1,122
UTC Fire & Security	154	119	395	306
Pratt & Whitney	530	503	1,602	1,515
Hamilton Sundstrand	286	249	795	713
Sikorsky	133	103	326	263
Segment Operating Profit	2,172	1,961	6,173	5,592
Eliminations and other	(33)	11	(55)	(72)
General corporate expenses	(90)	(84)	(296)	(263)
Consolidated Operating Profit	\$ 2,049	\$ 1,888	\$ 5,822	\$ 5,257

As described on the following pages, consolidated results for the quarters and nine months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007 include non-recurring items, restructuring and related charges.

Consolidated Operating Profit

Consolidated operating profit for the quarters and nine months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007 includes restructuring and related charges as follows:

	Septe	Quarter Ended September 30, (Unaudited)		Nine Months Ended September 30, (Unaudited)	
	2008	2007	2008	2007	
Otis	\$ 5	\$ 6	\$ 11	\$ 11	
Carrier	34	15	91	28	
UTC Fire & Security		2	33	8	
Pratt & Whitney	52	12	83	39	
Hamilton Sundstrand	2	8	3	20	
Sikorsky				(3)	
Total Restructuring and Related Charges	\$ 93	\$ 43	\$ 221	\$ 103	

Consolidated results for the for the quarters and nine months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007 include the following non-recurring items.

<u>Q3—2008</u>

• Pratt & Whitney: Approximately \$37 million non-cash gain on a partial sale of an investment.

<u>Q3—2007</u>

- Eliminations and Other: Approximately \$28 million pretax interest adjustments related to the completion of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) examination of tax years 2000 through 2003.
- **Income Taxes**: Favorable income tax adjustment of approximately \$50 million, related primarily to the completion of the IRS examination of tax years 2000 through 2003.

<u>Q1—2007</u>

- Otis: Segment results include an \$84 million gain from the sale of land. The consolidated operating results include taxes related to the gain of approximately \$29 million in addition to an approximately \$27 million charge for the minority partner's interest in the gain. The resulting impact to consolidated net income is approximately \$28 million.
- Pratt & Whitney: Approximately \$40 million gain at Pratt & Whitney from a contract termination.
- Eliminations and Other: A \$216 million loss recorded in connection with the European Union commission fine.
- Eliminations and Other: A \$151 million gain from the sale of marketable securities.

In the first quarter, the net impact of the above items (\$0.05 per share), together with \$35 million of pre-tax restructuring and related charges (\$0.02 per share), had a \$0.07 adverse impact to earnings per share.

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet

(Millions) Assets	September 30, 2008 _(Unaudited)	December 31, 2007 <u>(Unaudited)</u>	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,615	\$ 2,904	
Accounts receivable, net	9,346	8,844	
Inventories and contracts in progress, net	9,011	8,101	
Other current assets	2,209	2,222	
Total Current Assets	24,181	22,071	
Fixed assets, net	6,441	6,296	
Goodwill, net	16,074	16,120	
Intangible assets, net	3,484	3,757	
Other assets	6,630	6,331	
Total Assets	\$ 56,810	\$ 54,575	
Liabilities and Shareowners' Equity			
Short-term debt	\$ 2,259	\$ 1,133	
Accounts payable	5,104	5,059	
Accrued liabilities	12,494	11,277	
Total Current Liabilities	19,857	17,469	
Long-term debt	8,113	8,015	
Other liabilities	6,795	6,824	
Total Liabilities	34,765	32,308	
Minority interest in subsidiary companies	962	912	
Shareowners' Equity:			
Common Stock	10,769	10,358	
Treasury Stock	(13,824)	(11,338)	
Retained Earnings	24,380	21,751	
Accumulated other non-shareowners' changes in equity	(242)	584	
	21,083	21,355	
Total Liabilities and Shareowners' Equity	\$ 56,810	\$ 54,575	
Debt Ratios:			
Debt to total capitalization	33%	30%	
Net debt to net capitalization	24%	23%	

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

(Millions)	Quarter Ended September 30, (Unaudited)		Nine Months Ended September 30, (Unaudited)	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
Operating Activities				
Net Income	\$ 1,269	\$ 1,197	\$ 3,544	\$ 3,164
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash flows provided by operating activities:				
Depreciation and amortization	326	308	971	863
Deferred income taxes and minority interest	91	90	137	98
Stock compensation cost	51	44	161	141
Changes in working capital	49	(178)	(690)	(573)
Other, net	49	(78)	18	(408)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	1,835	1,383	4,141	3,285
Investing Activities				
Capital expenditures	(268)	(238)	(810)	(697)
Acquisitions and disposal of businesses, net	23	(1,236)	(438)	(1,444)
Other, net	286	(145)	58	(15)
Net Cash Provided by (Used) in Investing Activities	41	(1,619)	(1,190)	(2,156)
Financing Activities				
(Decrease) increase in borrowings, net	(328)	471	1,252	1,065
Dividends paid on Common Stock	(286)	(296)	(869)	(786)
Repurchase of Common Stock	(950)	(500)	(2,470)	(1,500)
Other, net	(60)	14	(149)	219
Net Cash Used in Financing Activities	(1,624)	(311)	(2,236)	(1,002)
Effect of foreign exchange rates	(79)	65	(4)	137
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	173	(482)	711	264
Cash and cash equivalents—beginning of period	3,442	3,292	2,904	2,546
Cash and cash equivalents—end of period	\$ 3,615	\$ 2,810	\$ 3,615	\$ 2,810

Free Cash Flow Reconciliation

	Quarter Ended		
	September 30, 2008 (Unavadited)	8 2007	
(Millions)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	
Net income	\$1,269	\$1,197	
Depreciation and amortization	326	308	
Changes in working capital	49	(178)	
Other	191	56	
Cash flow from operating activities	1,835	1,383	
Cash flow from operating activities as a percentage of net income	1449	%	116%
Capital expenditures	(268)	(238)	
Capital expenditures as a percentage of net income	(21)	1%	(20)%
Free cash flow	\$1,567	\$1,145	
Free cash flow as a percentage of net income	1239	%	96%

Free cash flow, which represents cash flow from operations less capital expenditures, is the principal cash performance measure used by the Company. Management believes free cash flow provides a relevant measure of liquidity and a useful basis for assessing the Corporation's ability to fund its activities, including the financing of acquisitions, debt service, repurchases of the Corporation's Common Stock and distribution of earnings to shareholders. Others that use the term free cash flow may calculate it differently. The reconciliation of net cash flow provided by operating activities prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles to free cash flow is above.

Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

- (1) Debt to total capitalization equals total debt divided by total debt plus equity. Net debt to net capitalization equals total debt less cash and cash equivalents divided by total debt plus equity less cash and cash equivalents.
- (2) Organic growth represents the total reported increase within the Corporation's ongoing businesses less the impact of foreign currency translation, acquisitions and divestitures completed in the preceding twelve months and significant non-recurring items. Not included within organic growth for 2008 is a non-recurring item of approximately \$37 million related to a non-cash gain on a partial sale of an investment at Pratt & Whitney. Non-recurring items that are not included in organic growth in 2007 include \$28 million pretax interest adjustment related to the completion of the IRS examination of tax years 2000 through 2003, an \$84 million gain at Otis from the sale of land (See Note 3 below), a \$40 million gain at Pratt & Whitney from a contract termination, and \$151 million from the sale of marketable securities.
- (3) Otis segment results for the first quarter of 2007 include an \$84 million gain from the sale of land. The consolidated operating results include taxes related to the gain of approximately \$29 million in addition to an approximately \$27 million charge for the minority partner's interest in the gain. The resulting impact to consolidated net income is approximately \$28 million.