

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D

UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
(AMENDMENT NO. 1)

Datum Inc.
(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, par value \$0.25 per share
(Title of Class of Securities)

23820810
(CUSIP Number)

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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

December 16, 1999
(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition that is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of Rule 13d-1(e), Rule 13d-1(f) or Rule 13d-1(g), check the following box [].

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*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

Frequency Electronics, Inc.

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (See Instructions) (A) []
(B) [X]

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS (See Instructions)

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5 CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS
2(d) or 2(e) []

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

	7	SOLE VOTING POWER	
			296,550
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	8	SHARED VOTING POWER	
			-0-
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER	
			296,550
	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER	
			-0-
11		AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON	
			296,550
12		CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (See Instructions)	
13		PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)	
			5.1%
14		TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (See Instructions)	
			CO

This Amendment No. 1 amends and supplements the Statement on Schedule 13D (the "Schedule 13D") filed on November 22, 1999 by and on behalf of Frequency Electronics, Inc. ("Frequency" or the "Reporting Person"). The information in Items 4 and 7 is hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

ITEM 4. PURPOSE OF TRANSACTION.

On December 16, 1999, Frequency delivered a letter to Datum Inc. ("Datum") stating that Frequency does not presently intend to pursue a business combination with Datum at this time and is considering selling its shares of Datum stock. A copy of Frequency's December 16, 1999 letter is attached as Exhibit 5 hereto and is incorporated herein by reference.

The Reporting Person may sell or dispose of Datum shares.

Except as set forth above, the Reporting Person does not have any plans or proposals which relate to or would result in: (a) the acquisition by Frequency of additional securities of Datum; (b) an extraordinary corporate transaction, such as a merger, reorganization or liquidation involving Datum or any of its subsidiaries; (c) a sale or transfer of a material amount of assets of Datum or any of its subsidiaries; (d) any change in the present board of directors or management of Datum, including any plans or proposals to change the number or term of directors or to fill any existing vacancies on the board; (e) any material change in the present capitalization or dividend policy of Datum; (f) any other material change in Datum's business or corporate structure; (g) changes in Datum's charter, bylaws or instruments corresponding thereto or other actions which may impede the acquisition of control of Datum by any other person; (h) causing a class of securities of Datum to be delisted from a national securities exchange or cease to be authorized to be quoted in an inter-dealer quotation system of a registered national securities association; (i) a class of equity securities of Datum becoming eligible for termination of registration pursuant to Section 12(g)(4) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended; or (j) any action similar to any of those enumerated above. The Reporting Person may at any time reconsider and change its plans relating to the foregoing.

ITEM 7. MATERIAL TO BE FILED AS EXHIBITS.

Exhibit 5 - Letter dated December 16, 1999 from Martin B. Bloch and Joseph P. Franklin to Erik van der Kaay.

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief,
I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and
correct.

Date: December 16, 1999.

FREQUENCY ELECTRONICS, INC.

By: /s/ Joseph P. Franklin

Name: Joseph P. Franklin
Title: Chairman

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EXHIBIT

DESCRIPTION

5 Letter dated December 16, 1999 from Martin B. Bloch and Joseph P. Franklin to Erik van der Kaay.

[Frequency Electronics, Inc. Letterhead]

December 16, 1999

Mr. Erik van der Kaay
Chief Executive Officer
Datum Inc.
9975 Toledo Way
Irvine, CA 92618-1819

Dear Erik:

We were very disappointed by your December 9, 1999 letter in which you stated that the Datum board has rejected Frequency's proposal to merge with Datum in a transaction in which your stockholders would receive either \$10.00 in cash or 1.0596 shares of Frequency common stock for each share of Datum stock they own. As we discussed with your board on December 7, 1999, we disagree with your board's decision and continue to believe firmly that a merger of our two companies is in the best interest of your stockholders as well as our respective customers and employees.

However, almost immediately upon receipt of our initial merger proposal on November 9, 1999 your board adopted a poison pill rights plan which effectively prohibits any person from making an offer directly to the Datum stockholders without your board's approval. Also after receipt of our initial proposal, your board adopted certain amendments to Datum's bylaws which imposed a supermajority voting requirement for Datum stockholders to expand the size of the board of directors and purport to eliminate the pre-existing right of holders of 10% or more of outstanding stock to call a special meeting of stockholders. Other bylaw amendments were adopted by your board after we made our proposal that are intended to limit the Datum stockholders' ability to make proposals at stockholder meetings and take action by written consent without a meeting. Clearly, adoption of the poison pill rights plan and these bylaw amendments were in direct response to our merger proposal. We believe these actions are not in the best interest of Datum's stockholders and serve only to entrench and insulate Datum's management. In sum, we believe these provisions are intended to prevent the Datum stockholders from having the ability to consider and vote on Frequency's proposal or any other proposal that does not meet with the Datum board's approval.

Given your board's resistance to our proposal and the defensive measures it has adopted, we have determined to move forward with our business and do not presently intend to pursue a business combination with Datum. We will consider our options with respect to our investment in Datum, including the sale of our Datum shares.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Martin B. Bloch

Martin B. Bloch
President and Chief Executive Officer

/s/ Joseph P. Franklin

Joseph P. Franklin
Chairman of the Board

cc: Datum Board of Directors