

ALTANA AKTIENGESELLSCHAFT

Form 6-K

October 12, 2004

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Form 6-K

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

**Pursuant to Rules 13a-16 or 15d-16 of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Dated: October 7, 2004

ALTANA Aktiengesellschaft

(Translation of Registrant's name into English)

Am Pilgerrain 15

**D-61352 Bad Homburg v. d. Höhe
Federal Republic of Germany**
(Address of principal executive offices)

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant files or will file annual reports under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

Form 20-F Form 40-F

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Yes No

If "Yes" is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the Registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b): §2-

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This Report on Form 6-K is hereby incorporated by reference into the Registrant's Registration Statements on Form S-8, dated September 13, 2002 (File No. 333-99485), dated September 24, 2003 (File No. 333-109074), and dated September 24, 2004 (File No. 333-119240).

This Report on Form 6-K contains:

Letter to the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. dated October 6th, 2004

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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.

ALTANA Aktiengesellschaft

Dated: October 7th, 2004

By: /s/ Hermann Küllmer
Name: Dr. Hermann Küllmer
Title: Chief Financial Officer and
Member of the Management
Board

By: /s/ Rudolf Pietzke
Name: Dr. Rudolf Pietzke
Title: General Counsel

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October 6th, 2004

ALTANA Aktiengesellschaft

Dear Mr. Jekel,

in accordance with Section 204.33 of the NYSE Listed Company Manual we hereby submit information about the re-purchase and re-sale of ALTANA shares by ALTANA AG during the third quarter of 2004.

Shares have been re-purchased and re-sold exclusively in transactions executed on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange.

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| - | Number of treasury shares held by ALTANA AG as per June 30 th , 2004: | 4,711,554 |
| - | Number of shares re-purchased from July 1st to September 30 th , 2004: | 637,634 |
| - | Number of shares disposed of from July 1st to September 30 th , 2004: | 47,801 |
| - | Number of treasury shares held by ALTANA AG on September 30 th , 2004: | 5,301,387 |

With kind regards,
ALTANA AG

/s/Paul Reuter

Dr. Paul Reuter

/s/ Rudolf Pietzke

Dr. Rudolf Pietzke

Vorsitzender des Aufsichtsrats:
Justus Mische

Vorstand:

Dr. h. c. Nikolaus Schweickart
(Vorsitzender)

Dr. Hermann Küllmer,
Dr. Hans-Joachim Lohrlich,
Dr. Matthias Wolfgruber

Sitz und Registergericht:

Bad Homburg v. d. Höhe, HRB-Nr.
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