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PROCTER & GAMBLE CO  
Form 8-K  
March 18, 2003

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)

March 18, 2003

THE PROCTER & GAMBLE COMPANY

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Ohio

1-434

31-0411980

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(State or other  
jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer  
Identification  
Number)

One Procter & Gamble Plaza, Cincinnati, Ohio

45202

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(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (513) 983-1100  
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ITEM 9. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

On March 18, 2003, The Procter & Gamble Company (the "Company") issued a news release announcing that the Company has signed an agreement to purchase a controlling interest from the majority shareholders of Wella AG, headquartered in Darmstadt, Germany.

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.

THE PROCTER & GAMBLE COMPANY

/s/SHARON E. ABRAMS  
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Sharon E. Abrams, Secretary

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Exhibit

99. News Release by The Procter & Gamble Company dated March 18, 2003.