

ALTANA AKTIENGESELLSCHAFT

Form 6-K

October 01, 2003

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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 1, 2003

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)

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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 1, 2003

By: /s/ Hermann Küllmer

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

/s/ Rudolf Pietzke

Name: Dr. Rudolf Pietzke
Title: General Counsel

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October 1st, 2003

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 2003.

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 July 1, 2003: | 4,539,679 |
| Number of shares re-purchased from July 1 to September 30, 2003: | 263,550 |
| Number of shares disposed of from July 1 to September 30, 2003: | 321,380 |
| Number of treasury shares held by ALTANA AG on September 30, 2003: | 4,481,849 |

With kind regards,
ALTANA AG

/s/ Paul Reuter

Dr. Paul Reuter

/s/ Rudolf Pietzke

Dr. Rudolf Pietzke

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Dr. Hans-Joachim Lohrlich,

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Sitz und Registergericht:

Bad Homburg v. d. Höhe, HRB-Nr. 1933