

ALTANA AKTIENGESELLSCHAFT

Form 6-K

December 29, 2006

**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: December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2006

**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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This Report on Form 6-K contains:

Press Release of December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2006

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**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, thereunto duly authorized.

ALTANA Aktiengesellschaft

Dated: December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2006

By: /s/ Hermann Küllmer  
Name: Dr. Hermann Küllmer  
Title: Chief Financial Officer and Member  
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**Press release**

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**ALTANA AG completes sale of pharmaceuticals business to Nycomed**

**Bad Homburg, December 29, 2006** ALTANA AG (NYSE: AAA, FSE: ALT) has successfully completed the sale of ALTANA Pharma AG and its entire pharmaceuticals business to the Danish Nycomed on December 29, 2006. The preliminary total purchase price amounts to approximately 4.6 billion. The transfer of ownership becomes effective on conclusion of December 31, 2006.

The divestment of the pharmaceuticals activities ends the Group's involvement in two areas of business. After closing of the transaction ALTANA AG will focus on its specialty chemicals business.

ALTANA AG announced the sale of ALTANA Pharma AG and its entire pharmaceuticals business to Nycomed on September 21, 2006. Following approval by the European and U.S. antitrust authorities, the shareholders of ALTANA AG also approved the sale at the Extraordinary General Meeting held on December 19.

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