

BRITISH AIRWAYS PLC  
Form 6-K  
September 09, 2004  
**FORM 6-K**

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER**

**FURNISHED PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 UNDER**

**THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**9 September 2004**

**BRITISH AIRWAYS Plc**

**(Registrant's Name)**

**Waterside HBA3,**

**PO Box 365**

**Harmondsworth UB7 0GB**

**United Kingdom**

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

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Indicate by check mark whether by furnishing the information contained in this Form, the registrant is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes No X

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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 authorised.

BRITISH AIRWAYS Plc

By: /s/ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Alan Buchanan

Title: Company Secretary

Date: 9 September, 2004

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## AIRLINE COMPLETES SALE OF QANTAS STAKE

Following the announcement on 7 September, 2004, British Airways confirms that the book building process in connection with the underwritten offering for sale of its 18.25 per cent shareholding in Qantas was completed earlier today in Sydney.

The gross sale proceeds achieved were A\$1.1 billion (approximately £430 million) which the airline will receive on 14 September. As previously announced, the airline expects to use the proceeds to repay part of its existing gross debt which at June 30, 2004 amounted to £5.6 billion.

*September 9, 2004*

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Certain information included in this press release is forward-looking and involves risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements include, without limitation, the expected proceeds from the sale and the anticipated use of proceeds. All forward-looking statements in this press release are based upon information known to the Company on the date of this press release. The Company undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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It is not reasonably possible to itemise all of the many factors and specific events that could cause the Company's forward-looking statements to be incorrect or that could otherwise have a material adverse effect on the future operations or results of an airline operating in the global economy. Some factors that could significantly affect the expected proceeds from the sale and the anticipated use of proceeds include those available in the Company's SEC filings, including, without limitation, the Company's Annual Report on Form 20-F for the year ended March 31, 2004.