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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20549

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER

PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the month of July 2003

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ALSTOM

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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ALSTOM RECEIVES EU APPROVAL FOR THE SALE OF ITS INDUSTRIAL TURBINES BUSINESSES TO SIEMENS AG

On 28 April 2003, ALSTOM announced the sale of its small and medium gas turbines and industrial steam turbines to Siemens AG in two separate transactions. The first transaction covers the small gas turbines business, and the second transaction covers the medium-sized gas turbines and industrial steam turbines businesses.

Today the European Commission has granted formal clearance under the EC Merger Regulation for the disposal of ALSTOM's Industrial Turbine activities.

The disposal of the small-sized gas turbines business to Siemens AG was completed on 30 April 2003 pursuant to a derogation granted by the European Commission. Decisions from merger control authorities in other jurisdictions, most notably the US authorities, in respect of the medium-sized gas turbines and industrial steam turbines businesses disposal are still awaited. Pending receipt of those other necessary clearances, both the medium-sized gas turbines and industrial steam turbines businesses continue to be managed by ALSTOM.

Further announcements will be made in due course.

ALSTOM IS A GLOBAL LEADER IN ENERGY AND TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE. THE COMPANY SERVES THE ENERGY MARKET THROUGH ITS ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELDS OF POWER GENERATION AND POWER TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION, AND THE TRANSPORT MARKET THROUGH ITS ACTIVITIES IN RAIL AND MARINE. IN FISCAL YEAR 2002/03, ALSTOM HAD ANNUAL SALES IN EXCESS OF 20 BILLION AND EMPLOYED AROUND 100,000 PEOPLE IN OVER 70 COUNTRIES WORLDWIDE.

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