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
(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
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (513) 983-1100

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

Sharon E. Abrams, Secretary
March 18, 2003

Exhibit

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