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Form 6-K  
January 16, 2003

6-K UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

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

January 16, 2003

BASF AKTIENGESELLSCHAFT  
(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

BASF CORPORATION  
(Translation of Registrant's name into English)

Carl Bosch Strasse 38, LUDWIGSHAFEN, GERMANY 67056  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

Indicate by check mark whether the  
Registrant files or will file  
annual reports under cover Form  
20-F or Form 40-F  
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Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant by  
furnishing the information contained in this Form  
is also thereby furnishing the information to the  
Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of  
1934.  
Yes No

If "Yes" is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the  
Registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b): 82- .

BASF Aktiengesellschaft  
D-67056 Ludwigshafen

Allianz Aktiengesellschaft, KoniginstraBe 28, 80802 Munich, Germany, has notified us according to Articles 21 para 1, 24 WpHG (German Law on Security Trading) that on December 23, 2002 the share of the Allianz Lebensversicherungs-AG, Stuttgart, ReinsburgstraBe 19, 70178 Stuttgart, Germany, in the voting rights in our company has fallen below the limit of 5 % and that this voting right share now amounts to 4.43 %.

Ludwigshafen, January 14, 2003

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The Board of Executive Directors

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this Current Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

BASF Aktiengesellschaft

Date: January 16, 2003

By: /s/ Elisabeth Schick

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Name: Elisabeth Schick  
Title: Director Site Communications Ludwigshafen  
and Europe

By: /s/ Christian Schubert

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Name: Christian Schubert  
Title: Director Corporate Communications  
BASF Group