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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

For May 19, 2004

BUNZL PLC (Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

ENGLAND (Jurisdiction of incorporation or organisation)

110 Park Street, London W1K 6NX (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 ..X..

(If "Yes" is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12q3-2(b):

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Description

1. Press release dated May 19, 2004 - AGM Statement

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BUNZL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

In a statement at today's AGM, Anthony Habgood, Chairman of Bunzl plc, said that, in an improved but still uncertain international economic climate, current trading remains satisfactory. He indicated that organic volume growth in Outsourcing Services is moderating as a result of ongoing pressures on the US supermarket industry while good volume growth in redistribution and food processors has continued. Furthermore, in Europe, the priority remains to extend Bunzl's footprint, to integrate acquisitions and to raise margins. He went on to say that, while price levels in the US entered 2004 somewhat below those in 2003 and future trends remain uncertain, prices of the majority of product categories are moving upwards during 2004. With respect to currency movements, he further indicated that, while the dollar is currently stronger than it was earlier this year, its weakness compared to the first half of 2003 will influence the translation of Bunzl's dollar results into sterling.

He reiterated that the combination of volume growth, the opportunities provided by acquisition activity and Bunzl's strong position in its markets gives the Board confidence that the prospects of the Group are good and that the business will continue to develop satisfactorily.

Enquiries

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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.

BUNZL PLC

Date: May 19, 2004 By:__/s/ Anthony Habgood__

Title: Chairman