

ALTANA AKTIENGESELLSCHAFT

Form 6-K

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

**Report of Foreign Private Issuer
Pursuant to Rules 13a-16 or 15d-16 of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Dated: September 11, 2003

ALTANA Aktiengesellschaft

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

**Am Pilgerrain 15
D-61352 Bad Homburg v. d. Höhe
Federal Republic of Germany**
(Address of principal executive offices)

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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.

ALTANA Aktiengesellschaft

Dated: September 11, 2003

By: /s/ Dr. Hermann Küllmer

Name: Dr. Hermann Küllmer
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Member of the Management Board

/s/ Dr. Rudolf Pietzke

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Press release

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ALTANA completes another phase III study on Roflumilast in COPD patients

Bad Homburg, September 10, 2003 ALTANA AG (NYSE: AAA; FSE: ALT), Bad Homburg, Germany, announced today the completion of another phase III study on Roflumilast in patients suffering from COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, smoker's lung). A review of the data shows positive results in accordance to previous results. The international study involved more than 1,400 patients suffering from chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. Detailed results of the study are expected to be presented at the upcoming scientific ERS meeting in Vienna (September 27. - October 1.). Until then, no further data from the study will be published.

Roflumilast is a selective phosphodiesterase-4-inhibitor for the treatment of asthma and COPD. Roflumilast is being developed worldwide with the exception of Japan together with Pfizer Inc. Our partner in Japan is Tanabe Seiyaku Co., Ltd. Roflumilast is intended for oral, once daily administration and shall be marketed worldwide after approval under the brand name Daxas®. ALTANA intends to file an application for approval in Europe towards the end of 2003.

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Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made. ALTANA does not intend, and does not assume any obligation, to update forward-looking statements to reflect facts, circumstances or events that have occurred or changed after such statements have been made.

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