

ALTANA AKTIENGESELLSCHAFT

Form 6-K

January 11, 2006

Form 6-K
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: January 11th, 2006
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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Form 20-F

Form 40-F

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Yes

No

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This Report on Form 6-K is hereby incorporated by reference into the Registrant's Registration Statements on Form S-8, dated September 13, 2002 (File No. 333-99485), dated September 24, 2003 (File No. 333-109074), dated September 24, 2004 (File No. 333-119240), and dated September 26, 2005 (File No. 333-128583).

This Report on Form 6-K contains:

Letter to the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. dated January 5th, 2006

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.

ALTANA Aktiengesellschaft

Dated: January 11th, 2006

By: /s/ Dr. Hermann Küllmer
Name: Dr. Hermann Küllmer
Title: Chief Financial Officer and
Member of the Management Board

By: /s/ Volker Mansfeld
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Title: Legal Counsel

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January 05th, 2006

ALTANA Aktiengesellschaft

Dear Mr. Jekel,

in accordance with Section 204.33 of the NYSE Listed Company Manual we hereby submit information about the re-purchase and re-sale of ALTANA shares by ALTANA AG during the fourth quarter of 2005.

Shares have been re-purchased and re-sold exclusively in transactions executed on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange.

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| Number of treasury shares held by ALTANA AG as per September 30, 2005: | 4,817,282 |
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| Number of shares re-purchased from October 1 st to December 31 st , 2005: | |
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| Number of shares disposed of from October 1 st to December 31 st , 2005: | 177,874 |
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| Number of treasury shares held by ALTANA AG on December 31, 2005: | 4,639,408 |
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With kind regards,
ALTANA AG

/s/ Paul /s/ Volker Mansfeld
Reuter

Dr. Volker Mansfeld
Paul
Reuter

Vorsitzender des Aufsichtsrats:
Justus Mische
Vorstand:
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Sitz und Registergericht:
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