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PROCTER & GAMBLE CO Form NT 11-K September 30, 2002

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549
FORM 12b-25

NOTIFICATION OF LATE FILING

If the subject report could not be filed without unreasonable effort or expense and the registrant seeks relief pursuant to Rule 12b-25(b), the following should be completed. (Check box if appropriate) (a) The reasons described in reasonable detail in Part III of this form could not be eliminated without unreasonable effort or expense; (b) The subject annual report, semi-annual report, transition report on Form 10-K, Form 20-F,11-K or Form N-SAR, or portion thereof, will be filed on or before the fifteenth calendar day following the prescribed due date; or the subject quarterly report of transition report on Form 10-Q, or portion thereof will be filed on or before the fifth (c) The accountant's statement or other exhibit required by Rule 12b-25(c) has been attached if applicable.

PART III -- NARRATIVE

State below in reasonble detail the reasons why Forms 10-K, 20-F, 11-K, 10-Q, N-SAR, or the transition report portion thereof, could not be filed within the prescribed time period. (Attach Extra Sheets if Needed

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The registrant has filed S-8 registration statements for a number of employee benefit plans administered by the registrant for employees throughout the world, including an S-8 registration statement for the Plan. Each year, the registrant files the necessary 11-K filing for the Plan in accordance with SEC rules and regulations. This year, due to unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of the registrant in obtaining the information necessary to perform the annual audit of the Plan in a timely manner, the registrant was unable to obtain certified financial statements in a timely manner and will be unable to file the 11-K for the Plan without unreasonable effort and expense. The registrant fully intends to file the 11-K within the timeframe mandated by Rule 12b-25.

PART IV -- OTHER INFORMATION

(1) Name and telephone number of person to contact in regard to this notification:

E.J. Wunsch 513-983-4370

(2) Have all other periodic reports reports required under Section 13 or $15\,(d)$ of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 during the preceeding 12 months or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such report(s) been filed? If answer is no, identify report(s). [X] YES [] NO

(3) Is it anticipated that any significant change in results of operations from the corresponding period for the last fiscal year will be reflected by the earnings statements to be included in the subject report or portion thereof? $[\]$ YES [X] NO

If so, attach an explanation of the anticipated change, both narratively and quantitatively, and, if appropriate, state the reasons why a reasonable estimate of the results cannot be made.

THE PROCTER & GAMBLE COMPANY (Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

has caused this notification to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: 09/30/2002 By: /S/ TERRY L. OVERBEY

Terry L. Overbey, Secretary