

CELLTECH GROUP PLC
Form 6-K
July 01, 2004

FORM 6-K

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

Pursuant to Rule 13a - 16 or 15d - 16 of

the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of **July, 2004**

Commission File Number: **1-10817**

CELLTECH GROUP PLC

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

208 Bath Road, Slough, Berkshire SL1 3WE ENGLAND

(Address of principal executive offices)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of 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

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Enclosure: Notification

1 July 2004

Celltech Group plc (symbol: CLL) announces today that it has received notification from the New York Stock Exchange (the "NYSE") that, in accordance with its standard operating procedures, the NYSE intends to halt trading of Celltech's American Depositary Receipts as of 10:00 a.m. (New York City time) today as such time is the close of the offer period for the recommended cash tender offer by UCB S.A. for the entire issued share capital of Celltech. The offer period commenced on May 19, 2004 and was extended on June 18, 2004.

Celltech has been informed that the halt of trading shall continue until such time as UCB makes public announcement of the level of acceptances as of the close of the offer period and its intention whether to extend the offer period or commence the subsequent offer period. In accordance with the provisions of the U.K. City Code on Takeovers and Mergers and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and as set out in the Offer Document dated May 19, 2004, UCB intends to make such announcement no later than 8:00 a.m. (London time) in the United Kingdom, and by 8:00 a.m. (New York City time) in the United States, on July 2, 2004.

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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.

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CELLTECH GROUP

(Registrant)

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Officer

By: /s/ PETER

Peter Allen
Chief Financial

Dated: 01 July, 2004