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SANOFI-AVENTIS  
Form 6-K  
December 09, 2004

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER  
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16  
UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

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For the month of December 2004

Commission File Number: 001-31368

SANOFI-AVENTIS  
(Translation of registrant's name into English)

174, avenue de France, 75013 Paris, FRANCE  
(Address of principal executive offices)

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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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On December 9, 2004, Sanofi-Aventis (formerly known as Sanofi-Synthelabo) published the attached notice on its website (www.sanofi-aventis.com), announcing that as at Wednesday, December 8, 2004, 18.00 hours (CET) Sanofi-Aventis's mandatory offer for the shares in Hoechst Aktiengesellschaft has been accepted for 277,831 shares in Hoechst Aktiengesellschaft, representing 0.05% of the share capital and the voting rights of Hoechst Aktiengesellschaft.

EXHIBIT LIST

| Exhibit No.<br>----- | Description<br>-----                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| Exhibit 99.1         | Notice, dated December 8, 2004, announcing number of Hoechst shares tendered into mandatory offer by Sanofi-Aventis to the shareholders of Hoechst AG, as of December 8, 2004 at 18:00 hours (CET). |

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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.

Dated: December 9, 2004

SANOFI-AVENTIS

By: /s/ Jean-Claude Leroy

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Name: Jean-Claude Leroy  
Title: Senior Vice President &  
Chief Financial Officer

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