

ALTANA AKTIENGESELLSCHAFT

Form 6-K

December 15, 2006

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**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: December 15<sup>th</sup>, 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)

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant files or will file annual reports under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F.  
Form 20-F  Form 40-F

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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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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:

Press Release of December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2006

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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: December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2006

By: /s/ Hermann Küllmer

Name: Dr. Hermann Küllmer

Title: Chief Financial Officer and  
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By: /s/ Rudolf Pietzke

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Title: General Counsel

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Press release

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**ALTANA obtains approval by antitrust authorities for sale of its pharmaceuticals business**

**Bad Homburg, December 14, 2006** ALTANA AG (NYSE: AAA; FSE: ALT) has announced that the European and U.S. antitrust authorities have approved the acquisition of ALTANA's pharmaceuticals business by Nycomed without conditions.

ALTANA AG announced the sale of ALTANA Pharma AG and its entire pharmaceuticals business to Nycomed on September 21, 2006. Subject to the approval by the Extraordinary General Meeting of ALTANA AG on December 19/20, closing of the transaction is expected by December 29, 2006, the transfer of the business by the turn of the year.

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