

Edgar Filing: ALLIED DOMECQ PLC - Form 6-K

ALLIED DOMECQ PLC
Form 6-K
October 14, 2003

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

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

FOR October 13, 2003

ALLIED DOMECQ PLC
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its Charter)

ALLIED DOMECQ PLC
(Translation of Registrant's name into English)

The Pavilions
Bridgwater Road
Bedminster Down
Bristol BS13 8AR
England
(Address of Registrant's 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 x Form 40-F
----- -----

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 x
----- -----

If "Yes" is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to
the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b): 82- _____

Exhibit Index

| Exhibit No. | Description |
|-------------|--------------------------|
| 99.1 | Acceptance of Hess Offer |

Edgar Filing: ALLIED DOMEQC PLC - Form 6-K

13 October 2003

Allied Domecq PLC to accept revised Hess offer for
Peter Lehmann Wines Limited

Allied Domecq PLC (Allied Domecq) today announced that it proposed to accept the revised offer by Hess Group Australia Pty Ltd (Hess) for Peter Lehmann Wines Limited (PLW).

On 9 October 2003, Hess announced that it proposed to match the Allied Domecq offer by increasing its unconditional offer for PLW to \$4.00 per share. The Independent Directors of PLW subsequently announced that they intend to recommend that shareholders accept the Hess offer for all of their shares, subject to no better offer emerging.

Commenting on developments, Allied Domecq Chief Executive Philip Bowman said:

"While we remain firm believers in the potential of PLW under the control of Allied Domecq, we have an obligation to generate value for our own shareholders. Despite the significant cost and revenue synergies that we believe would accrue to PLW as part of the Allied Domecq group, we do not believe that it would be in the interests of our shareholders to increase our offer further."

"Accordingly, we have informed the board of PLW that we propose to accept the Hess offer for our entire stake. In order to minimise ongoing uncertainty for PLW, we would encourage other shareholders to do the same."

"PLW produce some exceptional wines; I wish the company and its employees every success going forward."

Allied Domecq will also apply to the Australian Securities and Investments Commission for consent to withdraw its offer.

Further information

Summary information on Allied Domecq can be obtained from its website, www.allieddomecq.com. Original high-resolution photographs are available to the media free of charge at www.newscast.co.uk +44 207 608 1000.

Allied Domecq PLC (UK)
Media

Savage & Horrigan Australia

Edgar Filing: ALLIED DOMEQC PLC - Form 6-K

Stephen Whitehead
Director of Corporate Affairs
+44 (0) 20 7009 3927/+44 (0)7880 783 532

Jane Mussared
Allied Domecq Spokesperson (Australia)
Tel: 0404 852 813

Anthony Cardew
Cardew Chancery
+44 (0) 20 7930 0777

Jennifer Horrigan
Savage & Horrigan
Tel: 02 9268 1501/ 0414 539 441

Allied Domecq Investor Relations
Peter Durman
+44 (0) 7771 974 817

PLW Shareholder Inquiries

Inquiries from Peter Lehmann Wines Limited shareholders will not be taken on the above numbers. All such inquiries should be directed to the Peter Lehmann Wines Offer Information Line on (Australia) 1300 766 699 or (outside Australia) +61 2 9240 7458. For legal reasons calls to these numbers will be recorded.

SIGNATURE

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, thereto duly authorized.

13 October, 2003

ALLIED DOMEQC PLC

By: /s/ Charles Brown

Name: Charles Brown
Title: Director of Secretariat & Deputy
Company Secretary