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

FORM 6-K

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

For August 03, 2005

BUNZL PLC
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

ENGLAND
(Jurisdiction of incorporation or organisation)

110 Park Street, London W1K 6NX
(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.

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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 ..X..

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

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Description

1. Press release dated August 03, 2005 - Expansion in North America

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BUNZL TO EXPAND IN NORTH AMERICA

Bunzl plc, the international distribution and outsourcing Group, today announces that it has entered into an agreement to acquire SOFCO, a distributor to a number of sectors including grocery, foodservice and healthcare.

SOFCO, a division of US Foodservice, is based in New York State and had sales of \$175 million in the year ended 31 December 2004. Gross assets to be acquired are expected to be \$30 million. Completion of the acquisition is subject to clearance from the relevant competition authority.

Commenting on the acquisition, Anthony Habgood, Chairman of Bunzl, said:

"This is an excellent opportunity to continue our momentum in North America. SOFCO will strengthen our business in the northeast in our traditional grocery and redistribution markets while also expanding our position in the healthcare and industrial sectors."

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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.

BUNZL PLC

Date: August 03, 2005

By:___/s/ Anthony Habgood___

Title: Chairman