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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

Report on Form 6-K dated February 6, 2003

Commission File No. 0-28578

DASSAULT SYSTEMES S.A.

(Name of Registrant)

9, Quai Marcel Dassault, B.P. 310, 92156 Suresnes Cedex, France

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

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ENCLOSURE:

Dassault Systemes S.A. (the "Company") is furnishing under cover of Form 6-K, a press release dated February 6, 2003, announcing that the Company has been selected by Ford Motor Company to supply and integrate its most advanced IBM Product Lifecycle Management (PLM) solutions, including CATIA(R) V5 and ENOVIAVPM(TM) software, into the automaker's design and manufacturing processes

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IBM and Dassault Systemes Awarded Contract for Worldwide Vehicle Development by Ford Motor Company

Armonk, N.Y., U.S.A, and Paris, France - February 6, 2003 - IBM and Dassault Systemes (Nasdaq: DASTY; Euronext Paris: #13065, DSY.PA) have been selected by Ford Motor Company to supply and integrate their most advanced IBM Product Lifecycle Management (PLM) solutions, including CATIA(R) V5 and ENOVIAVPM(TM) software, into the automaker's design and manufacturing processes worldwide.

The long-term contract calls for the installation of CATIA V5 and ENOVIAVPM developed by Dassault Systemes, as well as process and methodology consultation from IBM and Dassault Systemes. Financial terms were not disclosed.

Land Rover and Volvo Cars - part of Ford Motor Company - presently use IBM Product Lifecycle Management (PLM) solutions. Ford will integrate these solutions into its next generation C3P (PLM) systems environment across the company.

"Ford's selection of IBM and Dassault Systemes' technology demonstrates the power of our full PLM portfolio to help companies improve their product creation processes and better integrate the complex series of steps that advanced manufacturing requires," said Ed Petrozelli, General Manager, IBM Global Product Lifecycle Management. "This is why PLM is one of the cornerstone applications in IBM's strategy to help enterprises like Ford become true 'on demand' businesses."

"Ford's decision for CATIA and ENOVIAVPM solutions will give Ford the agility required to respond dynamically to changing customer demand," said Bernard Charles, president and CEO, Dassault Systemes. "V5 provides an enterprise-wide collaborative development environment that fosters innovation, shortens development cycles, and increases flexibility."

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About Dassault Systemes

As world leader in PLM (three-dimensional Product Lifecycle Management) solutions, the Dassault Systemes group brings value to more than 55,000 customers in 80 countries. A pioneer in the 3D software market since 1981, Dassault Systemes develops and markets PLM application software and services that support industrial processes and provide a 3D vision of the entire life cycle of products from conception to retirement. Its offering includes integrated PLM solutions for product development (CATIA, ENOVIA, DELMIA, SMARTEAM), general-use 3D solutions (SolidWorks), and 3D components (SPATIAL). Dassault Systemes is listed on the Nasdaq (DASTY) and Euronext Paris (#13065, DSY.PA) stock exchanges. For more information, visit <http://www.3ds.com>

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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.

DASSAULT SYSTEMES S.A.

Date: February 6, 2003

By: /s/ Thibault de Tersant

Name: Thibault de Tersant
Title: Chief Financial Officer,
Executive Vice President

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