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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 July 23, 2003

Commission File No. 1-14110

PECHINEY
(Name of Registrant)

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Enclosure: Press release dated July 23, 2003, announcing second quarter results
for 2003.

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PRESS RELEASE

[GRAPHIC OMITTED]

July 23, 2003

Second Quarter Results 2003

(Provisional and none audited results. Definitive results will be approved by the Board on July 28. and will be published on July 29. at 7:30 AM)

For the second quarter of 2003, Pechiney announces earnings from operations of (euro)67 million, down slightly from the (euro)71 million in the previous quarter. Net income in the second quarter totals (euro)12 million, after a net loss of (euro)1 million in the first quarter of the year.

Highlights

The main trends in the Group's earnings from operations were as follows.

- o As in previous quarters, the Primary Aluminum sector, which reported earnings from operations of (euro)37 million, down from (euro)42 million, was affected by the depreciation of the US dollar. The (euro)/\$ parity realized was 1.11 in the second quarter, compared with 1.04 in the first quarter and 0.90 in the second quarter of 2002. The recent stabilization of the US dollar observed in the markets is a positive factor for Pechiney as it is for all aluminum producers with reference to their production capacities outside the dollar zone.
- o In the second quarter, the Aluminum Conversion sector confirmed the recovery reported in the previous quarter, with earnings from operations of (euro)14 million, versus (euro)15 million in the first quarter and (euro)9 million in the second quarter of 2002. Sales volume remained satisfactory particularly in aerospace in Europe, after the inventory depletion observed in 2002, and as additional orders for the A380 are only beginning their upward trend.
- o At (euro)26 million, the Packaging sector reported earnings from operations identical to the first quarter. Boosted by good performances in controllable costs reductions, this result was achieved in spite of the fact that the cost of the plastic resins used in flexible packaging reached a high point during the quarter before starting to slide downwards, reflecting the decline in the price of oil.

Pechiney actively continued to implement its strategy during the second quarter with:

- o New gains generated by the Pechiney Continuous Improvement System, totaling the cumulated sum of (euro)181 million since January 1, 2002;
- o Two major acquisitions: that of the 65% equity interest held by the financial partners in the Aluminium Dunkerque smelter (effective as of December 30, 2003), which will increase the Group's attributable aluminum capacity by 17%, and the acquisition of Novacel, the Mexican leader in specialty flexible packaging, a transaction that is expected to be finalized during the summer.

Statement of income (French GAAP)

Million of euros

H1 2002

H1 2003

Million of euros

Q2 2003

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Net sales	6,211	5,446	Net sales	3,
Earnings from operations	241	138	Earnings from operations	(
Restructuring expense, other (expense) income	(70)	(76)	Restructuring expense, other (expense) income	(
Financial expense, net	(22)	(24)	Financial expense, net	(
Income tax expense	(59)	(15)	Income tax expense	(
Equity affiliates	4	5	Equity affiliates	
Minority interests	0	(3)	Minority interests	
Net Income before goodwill	94	25	Net Income before goodwill	
Goodwill amortisation except. Goodwill amortisation	(17) (31)	(14) -	Goodwill amortisation except. Goodwill amortisation	(
Net income	46	11	Net income	
Net Income Per share "A" ((euro))	0.57	0.14	Net Income Per share "A" ((euro))	0

Adjusted Net Income **	123	60	Adjusted Net Income **	
Adj. Net inc. / share** bef. GW	1.78	0.95	Adj. Net inc. / share** bef. GW	1
Adj. net income per share**	1.56	0.77	Adj. net income per share**	0

(*) The accounting standard SFAS 143 "Accounting for Asset Retirement Obligations" was adopted during the second quarter of 2003, effective January 1, 2003. This change, which affects essentially the Primary Aluminum sector, resulted in a decrease of Earnings from Operations for the first quarter of 2003 by (euro)1 million and an improvement of net income for the first quarter of 2003 by (euro) 1 million.

(**) Published net income per share as adjusted to exclude the impact, after taxes, of restructuring expense, other (expense) income and other non-recurring items. Pechiney believes that presenting net income is an additional measure of performance that investors can use to compare net income between reporting periods.

	Net Sales			Earnings from operations			
Millions of euros	Q2 2002	Q1 2003	Q2 2003	Q2 2002	***Q1 2003	Q2 2003	
Primary Aluminium	488	473	460	93	42	37	Average euro/U.S.
Aluminium Conversion	703	659	618	9	15	14	Realised(euro)/\$
Packaging	614	559	549	40	26	26	LME average price
International Trade	1,592	1,129	999	18	14	14	Average realized
Central Costs	-	-	-	(23)	(26)	(24)	(\$/t)
Total	3,397	2,820	2,626	137	71	67	

(***) Restated for the application of FAS 143.

Pursuant to article 7 of the COB Rule book no. 2002-04, this press release was disclosed to the Commission des Operations de Bourse before its release.

Pechiney is an international group listed on the Paris and New York stock exchanges. Its three core businesses are primary aluminum, aluminium conversion and packaging. Pechiney achieved sales of (euro)11.9 billion in 2002. It employs 34,000 employees.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Pechiney has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: July 23, 2003

PECHINEY

By: /s/ OLIVIER MALLET

Name: Olivier MALLET

Title: Chief Financial Officer