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Form 6-K  
August 18, 2003

6-K 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

August 18, 2003

BASF AKTIENGESELLSCHAFT  
(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

BASF CORPORATION  
(Translation of Registrant's name into English)

Carl Bosch Strasse 38, LUDWIGSHAFEN, GERMANY 67056  
(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  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- .

SIGNATURES

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

BASF Aktiengesellschaft

Date: August 18, 2003

By: /s/ Elisabeth Schick

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Name: Elisabeth Schick  
Title: Director Site Communications Ludwigshafen  
and Europe

By: /s/ Christian Schubert

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Name: Christian Schubert  
Title: Director Corporate Communications  
BASF Group

Allianz reduces shareholding in BASF

LUDWIGSHAFEN, Germany--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Aug. 18, 2003--

Allianz Aktiengesellschaft, Koeniginstrasse 28, 80802 Munich, Gemany, has notified us according to Articles 21 para. 1, 22 para. 1 s. 1 no. 1 and 6 WpHG (German Law on Security Trading) that on August 12, 2003 the share of Allianz Aktiengesellschaft in the voting rights in our company has fallen below the limit of 5 % and that its voting right share now amounts to 3.97 %. The voting right share includes 3.94 % of voting rights according to Article 22 para. 1 s. 1 no. 1 WpHG and 0.03 % of voting rights according to Article 22 para. 1 s. 1 no. 6 WpHG.

Ludwigshafen, August 13, 2003  
BASF Aktiengesellschaft  
The Board of Executive Directors