

CELLTECH GROUP PLC  
Form 6-K  
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**FORM 6-K**

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**Report of Foreign Private Issuer**

**Pursuant to Rule 13a - 16 or 15d - 16 of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

For the month of **April, 2003**

Commission File Number: **1-10817**

**CELLTECH GROUP PLC**

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

**208 Bath Road, Slough, Berkshire SL1 3WE ENGLAND**

(Address of principal executive offices)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of 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

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Enclosure: Preference Shares Conversion announcement released 17 April, 2003

17th April, 2003

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CONVERSION OF PREFERENCE SHARES

Celltech Group plc (LSE: CCH; NYSE: CLL) today announced that Wyeth converted with effect from 31 March 2003 its 3,467,790 £1 Convertible Redeemable Cumulative Preference Shares and accrued unpaid preference share dividends into 1,956,798 50p Celltech ordinary shares. The preference shares, which were issued in April 1993, had a term of 10 years and were convertible into ordinary shares at a price of £3 per share. The ordinary shares will be issued within 21 days of the conversion.

Celltech's issued ordinary share capital following Wyeth's conversion will amount to approximately 277,547,301 shares.

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Celltech Group plc (LSE: CCH; NYSE: CLL) is one of Europe's largest biotechnology companies, with an extensive late stage development pipeline and a profitable, cash-generative pharmaceutical business. Celltech also possesses drug discovery capabilities of exceptional strength, including a leading position in antibody engineering. More details can be found at [www.celltechgroup.com](http://www.celltechgroup.com).

END

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.

PLC

CELLTECH GROUP

(Registrant)

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By: /s/ PETER

Officer

Peter Allen  
Chief Financial

Dated: 17 April, 2003