

ALTANA AKTIENGESELLSCHAFT

Form 6-K

October 02, 2006

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Form 6-K
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549
Report of Foreign Private Issuer
Pursuant to Rules 13a-16 or 15d-16 of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
Dated: October 2nd, 2006
ALTANA Aktiengesellschaft
(Translation of Registrant's name into English)
Am Pilgerrain 15
D-61352 Bad Homburg v. d. Höhe
Federal Republic of Germany
(Address of principal executive offices)

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Yes No

If Yes is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the Registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b):
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This Report on Form 6-K is hereby incorporated by reference into the Registrant's Registration Statements on Form S-8, dated September 13, 2002 (File No. 333-99485), dated September 24, 2003 (File No. 333-109074), dated September 24, 2004 (File No. 333-119240), and dated September 26, 2005 (File No. 333-128583).

This Report on Form 6-K contains:

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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.

ALTANA Aktiengesellschaft

Dated: October 2nd, 2006

By: /s/ Hermann Küllmer

Name: Dr. Hermann Küllmer

Title: Chief Financial Officer and

Member of the Management Board

By: /s/ Rudolf Pietzke

Name: Dr. Rudolf Pietzke

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Press release

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ALTANA AG: Sale of Stake in GPC Biotech AG

Bad Homburg, September 27, 2006 ALTANA AG (NYSE: AAA; FSE: ALT) announced today that it has sold its approx. 7.1% stake (2,360,000 shares) in GPC Biotech AG (Nasdaq: GPC; FSE: GPC). Based on yesterday's closing price of GPC Biotech shares on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange, the stake is valued at approximately 36.3 million. The transaction represents ALTANA's entire stake.

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