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Form 6-K
October 20, 2004

FORM 6-K
U.S. 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

dated October 20, 2004

Commission File Number 001-11005

ARACRUZ CELULOSE S.A.
(Exact Name as Specified in its Charter)

ARACRUZ CELLULOSE S.A.

(Translation of Registrant's Name)

Rua Lauro Muller, 116--40th floor, Botafogo
Rio de Janeiro, RJ, 22299-900, Brazil

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

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Indicate by check mark if the registrant is submitting the Form 6-K in paper as permitted by Regulation S-T Rule 101(b)(1): _____

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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): Not applicable.

SIGNATURES

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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.

Date: October 20, 2004

ARACRUZ CELULOSE S.A.

By: /s/ Carlos Augusto Lira Aguiar

Name: Carlos Augusto Lira Aguiar
Title: Chief Executive Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

| Exhibit ----- | Description of Exhibit ----- |
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| 99.1. | Notice to the Shareholders dated October 19, 2004 |