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Washington, D.C. 20549

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Report of Foreign Private Issuer  
Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of November 2001

AVENTIS

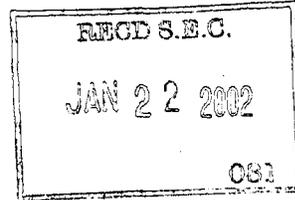
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67917 Strasbourg, Cedex 9  
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(Address of principal executive offices)



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information contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the  
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the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes  No

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registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b): N/A

Enclosures:

A press release dated November 15, 2001 announcing the sale of  
Aventis Animal Nutrition to CVC Capital Partners.



## Press Release

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November 15, 2001

### **Aventis to sell animal nutrition business to CVC Capital Partners**

*Strasbourg, France* – Aventis and CVC Capital Partners, a leading European private equity company, have signed an agreement concerning the acquisition of Aventis Animal Nutrition by CVC Capital Partners. Subject to the required approval processes, the closing of the transaction is expected during the first quarter of 2002.

The parties have agreed not to disclose the financial terms of the transaction.

Aventis Animal Nutrition is one of the world's pioneers in animal nutrition, developing, manufacturing and marketing a broad range of nutritional feed additives, including the essential amino acid methionine as well as vitamins, vitamin premixes and feed enzymes. Aventis Animal Nutrition generated total sales of € 577 million in 2000. At the end of 2000, the company had around 1,450 employees. Company headquarters are in Antony near Paris, France. For more information, please visit: [www.an.aventis.com](http://www.an.aventis.com)

CVC Capital Partners is a leading independent equity provider in Europe, specialising in large scale MBOs/MBIs. Founded in 1981, CVC currently has total funds under management of over €9 billion with offices in 11 European countries and over 50 local investment professionals.

Aventis (NYSE: AVE) is dedicated to improving life through the discovery and development of innovative products. In 2000, Aventis generated group sales of € 22.3 billion and employed around 92,500 people in its Pharma and Agriculture businesses. Corporate headquarters are in Strasbourg, France. For more information, please visit: [www.aventis.com](http://www.aventis.com)

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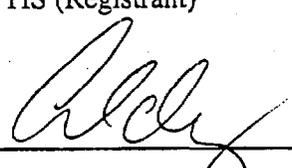
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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

AVENTIS (Registrant)

Date: Nov. 15, 2001

By:  \_\_\_\_\_

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Title: General Counsel of the Aventis Group