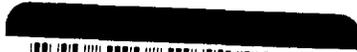
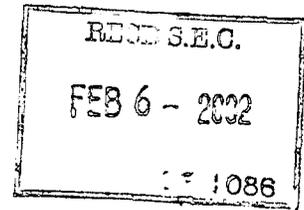


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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Issuer

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

For the month of February 2002

Pechiney

(Translation of Registrant's Name Into English)

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Yes No

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Enclosure:

A press release dated February 5, 2002, announcing Pechiney's acquisition of Phoenix Health Care Products.

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Pechiney expands medical packaging offerings in North America

Pechiney Plastic Packaging acquires Phoenix Health Care Products

Paris - February 4th, 2002 - Pechiney (NYSE: PY) today announced the acquisition through its subsidiary Pechiney Plastic Packaging Inc of Phoenix Health Care Products. Terms of the transaction were not disclosed.

Phoenix Health Care Products manufactures a variety of flexible packaging products for the medical field, including packaging for surgical gloves, gowns, catheters, syringes, wound dressings, bandages, IV sets and more. The company, with sales of approximately \$16 million, employs approximately 70 people at a single Milwaukee plant. "Phoenix Health Care is a great company with quality products, exceptional people and great assets," said Igor Playner, vice president, Healthcare & Specialty Packaging, for Pechiney Plastic Packaging. "This acquisition broadens our line of medical packaging products and sets the stage for continued growth of this business."

"I believe the acquisition of our Health Care Products business by Pechiney will result in the growth and expansion of the Milwaukee facility," said George J. Wordingham, president of Phoenix. "Our lighting and welding businesses will continue under our ownership and are not part of this transaction."

"Pechiney brings a wide range of products and technology that will enable us to accelerate our growth in the medical marketplace," added Phoenix Health Care Chief Operating Officer Scott E. Fredrick. "We will leverage this with our coating technology and reputation for first-rate quality and service."

"This acquisition reinforces our ongoing strategy of selectively expanding into markets and regions that demonstrate high growth potential," said Ilene Gordon, president of Pechiney Plastic Packaging, headquartered in Chicago.

By acquiring Soplaril, The Pechiney Plastic Packaging Division of Pechiney has recently strengthened its position on the European flexible packaging market. Pechiney Plastic Packaging is part of Pechiney's Packaging Sector, managed by Christel Bories. In 2001, the packaging sector reported sales of Euro 2,418 million (+16 %) and operating margin of Euro 136 million (+ 36%). Its activities are equally divided between food packaging and health & beauty packaging.

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

Date: February 5, 2002

PECHINEY

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Title: Chief Financial Officer