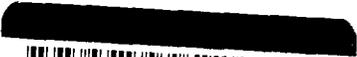


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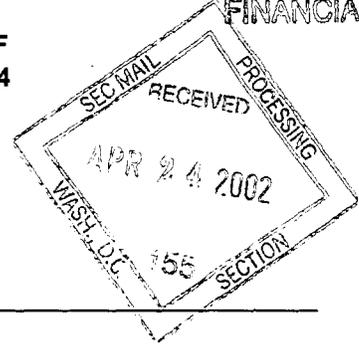
FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 OF
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

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For the month of April 2002

FLETCHER CHALLENGE FORESTS LIMITED

(Translation of Registrant's Name Into English)

8 ROCKRIDGE ROAD, PENROSE, AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND 1020

(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 A

(If "Yes is marked indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b): 82-____.)

This Report on Form 6-K shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in the prospectus included in the Registration Statements on Forms F-3 (Nos. 333- 6526, 333- 8932 and 333- 12726) and S-8 (File No. 33- 97728) of Fletcher Challenge Forests Limited and certain of its subsidiaries and to be a part thereof from the date on which this Report is filed, to the extent not superseded by documents or reports subsequently filed or furnished.

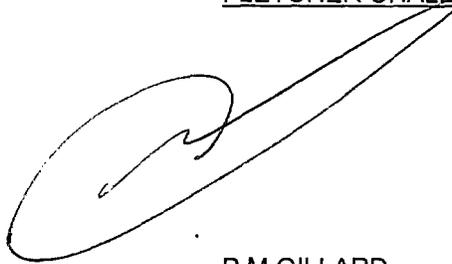
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SIGNATURES

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.

FLETCHER CHALLENGE FORESTS LIMITED

Date 9 April 2002

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized loop followed by a few smaller strokes, positioned over the company name.

P M GILLARD
SECRETARY



**FLETCHER CHALLENGE
FORESTS**

NEWS RELEASE

STOCK EXCHANGE LISTINGS: NEW ZEALAND, AUSTRALIA, NEW YORK (FFS).

FLETCHER CHALLENGE FORESTS – CNIFP AGREEMENT

Auckland, 9 April 2002 – Fletcher Challenge Forests has been advised by the Receivers of the Central North Island Forest Partnership that a “back-up agreement” for the sale of the assets of the CNIFP had been signed by the Receivers with another party. No other details have been made available.

As previously advised, the contract which is being progressed for the proposed acquisition by Fletcher Challenge Forests Limited is conditional upon Fletcher Challenge Forests satisfying a number of conditions, following which a shareholders’ meeting would be required to approve the transaction.

Ends

To: BUSINESS EDITOR	From: Paul Gillard Company Secretary FLETCHER CHALLENGE FORESTS
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Fletcher Challenge Forests owns or manages almost 300,000 hectares of fast growing environmentally certified forest, and ten saw-milling and re-manufacturing facilities, all in the Central North Island of New Zealand. Fletcher Challenge Forests markets solid wood products to all major markets in the Pacific Rim and North America. Further information on Fletcher Challenge Forests can be found at the Fletcher Challenge Forests web site, at <http://www.fcf.co.nz>.