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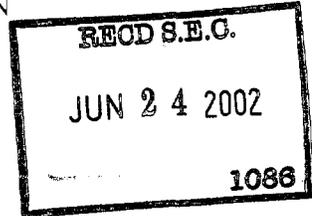
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Private Issuer
Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16

of the

the Securities Exchange Act of 1934



For the month of June, 2002

Rio Narcea Gold Mines Ltd.

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

Avda. del Llaniello 13. Bajo 33860 Salas, Asturias Spain

(Address of principal executive offices)

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

Form 20-F Form 40-F

Please note that pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(d)(1), this registrant, being registered under Section 12, is not eligible for exemption under Rule 12g3-2(b). Accordingly, the following two questions are not relevant to this registrant and are therefore left blank.

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

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

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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.

Rio Narcea Gold Mines Ltd.
(Registrant)

Date: June 14, 2002

By: [Signature]
[Print] Name: A. Carandera
Title: President & CEO

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NEWS RELEASE

June 14, 2002

Trading Symbol: TSX: RNG

RIO NARCEA APPOINTS NEW CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Toronto – Rio Narcea Gold Mines, Ltd. is pleased to announce the appointment of Omar Gomez, CPA, as Chief Financial Officer for the Company effective immediately. Based at the Company's head office in Salas, Spain, Mr. Gomez joined Rio Narcea last fall as Manager of Finance. Most recently, he held a senior management position with Arthur Andersen in Oviedo, Spain. He is a graduate of the University of Oviedo with a degree in Business Administration.

Rio Narcea is a mineral resource company with operations, development projects and exploration activities in Spain and Portugal. The Company is producing gold at its 100%-owned El Valle and Carlés mines, commencing a feasibility study at its Corcoesto gold project and completing the bankable feasibility study on its Aguablanca nickel-copper-PGM deposit.

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