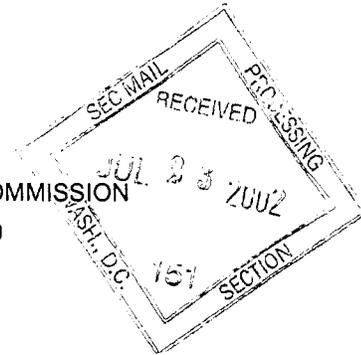


UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549



**FORM 6-K**

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER  
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16  
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934  
For the month of July 2002



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**VANTICO GROUP S.A.**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

**Luxembourg**

(Jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

**25A, Boulevard Royal, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor**

**L-2449**

**Luxembourg**

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(Address of principal executive offices)

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# Press Release

July, 9,2002

## Vantico

### Personnel announcement

Kenneth Greatbatch, the CFO of the Vantico group, today announced his resignation from the group. His resignation has been accepted by the board, which expressed its appreciation for the major contribution that Ken has made to the development of Vantico in the past two years.

To ensure continuity Robert Rotolo (46), currently President and CFO of Vantico North America will take over as CFO ad interim with immediate effect.

Before joining Ciba-Geigy Corp. in 1983 as manager in the Corporate Controller's Department in Ardsley, N.Y., Bob Rotolo, a Certified Public Accountant, worked for five years for Coopers & Lybrand as an Audit Supervisor. After several positions of increasing responsibilities within Corporate Controlling and treasury he was transferred to the Polymers Division and promoted to Finance Manager for the Formulated Systems business in 1989. In 1993 he was appointed Vice President - Finance for the Ciba-Geigy Polymers Division in North America. In September 1998 Bob was transferred to Basel for 4 months to work as interim Global CFO of the Polymers Division and to help prepare the division for sale. Bob then returned to his previous position in the U.S. and was promoted to President and CFO of Vantico U.S. in November 2000.

A search for Mr Greatbatch's permanent replacement is underway and will include both external and internal candidates.

Vantico's Board and its sponsor Morgan Grenfell Private Equity are fully aware of this situation and have expressed their full support for the group and its future.

CEO Helmut Strametz said:

"Ken has made a valuable contribution to the group and I would like to express my thanks for all his hard work. This has been a trying time for Vantico but I am certain that, with the support of our employees, lenders and customers, we can face the future with increasing confidence".

## Vantico

Vantico was created through a buy-out of the Performance Polymers Division of Ciba Specialty Chemicals, backed by Morgan Grenfell Private Equity (MGPE). Vantico operates as a global leader in providing solutions in the field of innovative coatings, structural composites, adhesives, tooling materials, and electrical and electronic insulation, utilising thermosetting polymers for the automotive, electronic, electrical, aerospace and consumer-durable industry.

Vantico employs approximately 2800 people in over 30 countries. The company is incorporated in Luxembourg and operates via three global Divisions: Polymer Specialties, Adhesives & Tooling, and Optronics.

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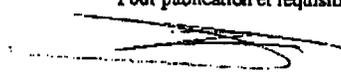
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Par lettre du 10 juillet 2002, Monsieur Kenneth Greatbatch a démissionné de ses fonctions d'administrateur de Vantico International S.A. avec effet au 9 juillet 2002.

Luxembourg, le 18 juillet 2002

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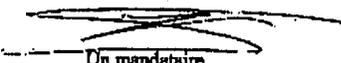
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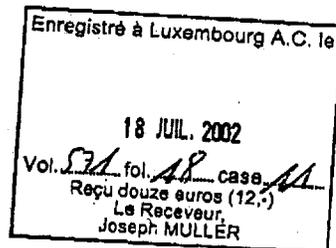
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**Signature**

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.

Vantico Group S.A.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Strametz', with a stylized, cursive script.

Helmut Strametz  
Chief Executive Officer

July 22, 2002