

ALTANA AKTIENGESELLSCHAFT

Form 6-K

October 02, 2006

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**Form 6-K**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**  
**Report of Foreign Private Issuer**  
**Pursuant to Rules 13a-16 or 15d-16 of**  
**the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**  
**Dated: October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2006**  
**ALTANA Aktiengesellschaft**  
(Translation of Registrant's name into English)  
**Am Pilgerrain 15**  
**D-61352 Bad Homburg v. d. Höhe**  
**Federal Republic of Germany**  
(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

Indicate by check mark if the Registrant is submitting the Form 6-K in paper as permitted by Regulation S-T Rule 101(b)(1): \_\_\_\_\_

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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

If Yes is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the Registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b):  
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This Report on Form 6-K is hereby incorporated by reference into the Registrant's Registration Statements on Form S-8, dated September 13, 2002 (File No. 333-99485), dated September 24, 2003 (File No. 333-109074), dated September 24, 2004 (File No. 333-119240), and dated September 26, 2005 (File No. 333-128583).

This Report on Form 6-K contains:

Press Release of September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2006

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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.

ALTANA Aktiengesellschaft

Dated: October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2006

By: /s/ Hermann Küllmer

Name: Dr. Hermann Küllmer

Title: Chief Financial Officer and  
Member of the Management Board

By: /s/ Rudolf Pietzke

Name: Dr. Rudolf Pietzke

Title: General Counsel

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Press release

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**ALTANA AG: Sale of Stake in GPC Biotech AG**

**Bad Homburg, September 27, 2006** ALTANA AG (NYSE: AAA; FSE: ALT) announced today that it has sold its approx. 7.1% stake (2,360,000 shares) in GPC Biotech AG (Nasdaq: GPC; FSE: GPC). Based on yesterday's closing price of GPC Biotech shares on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange, the stake is valued at approximately 36.3 million. The transaction represents ALTANA's entire stake.

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