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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

Report on Form 6-K dated January 23, 2003

Commission File No. 1-14110

PECHINEY
(Name of Registrant)

7, Place du Chancelier Adenauer
75218 Paris Cedex 16
France
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

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Enclosure: A press release dated January 23, 2003, announcing 164 million euros
of assets write-downs and restructuring for the fourth quarter of 2002.

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PRESS RELEASE

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January 23, 2003

Pechiney announces 164m euros (or 1.67 euro per share) of assets write-downs and restructuring for the fourth quarter of 2002

The Pechiney Group announces that its fourth quarter results, due out on January 30, 2003, will include in its French GAAP accounts 50 million euros of SFAS142 related goodwill impairment.

In addition, a 114 million euro one-time pre-tax charge for restructuring and assets write-downs will be taken.

In total, these exceptional items will amount to 164 million euros before tax, of which around 20 million will have an impact on cash flow, and to 130 million euros after tax (or 1.67 euro per share). These charges are the result of a detailed review of the Group's activities' outlook.

Pechiney is an international group that is listed on the Paris and New York stock exchanges. Its two main sectors are aluminum and packaging. With a presence in 50 countries, Pechiney achieved sales of approximately 11 billion euros in 2001 with 34,500 employees.

Certain statements in this press release that describe Pechiney's intentions, expectations or projections may constitute forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause Pechiney's actual results, performance or achievement to be materially different from its intentions, expectations or projections. The forward-looking statements in this press release speak only as of its date and Pechiney undertakes no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statement to reflect events or circumstances after the date hereof or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

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SIGNATURES

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

Date: January 23, 2003

PECHINEY

By: /s/ OLIVIER MALLET

Name: Olivier MALLET

Title: Chief Financial Officer