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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 November 4, 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 November 4, 2003, announcing the basis of an
agreement for a joint venture between Pechiney and Nela Harbin in
China.

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Press Release

[PECHINEY logo]

Pechiney and Nela Harbin set the basis of a joint-venture in China

Paris, November 4, 2003. Pechiney and Nela Harbin (Heilongzian Province) have reached an agreement in principle to launch a joint venture in plates and sheets production, for general engineering markets.

The parties will launch a feasibility study regarding the establishment of a joint company, the upgrade of the present equipment in the existing plant or the construction of a new manufacturing unit. In both cases, the potential production could reach 50 000 t after 4 years. If a new plant was to be constructed, the total investment could amount to (euro)250 million.

Pechiney Rhenalu, a 100% subsidiary of Pechiney, will hold at least 51% and Nela Harbin a maximum of 49% interest in the proposed joint-venture project, subject to formal approval by the relevant Chinese authorities.

This project aims to the supply of the expanding Chinese and Asian markets and western countries.

Nela Harbin is located 800 km from the Russian border; it is the oldest-established and one of the leading aluminum plants in China, manufacturing a large range of products.

Pursuant to article 7 of the COB Rule book n(o) 2002-04, this press release was disclosed to the Commission des Operations de Bourse before its release.

Pechiney is an international group listed on the Paris and New York stock exchanges. Its three core businesses are primary aluminum, aluminium conversion and packaging. Pechiney achieved sales of (euro)11.9 billion in 2002. It employs 34,000 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: November 4, 2003

PECHINEY

By: /s/ OLIVIER MALLET

Name: Olivier MALLET
Title: Chief Financial Officer