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June 06, 2006

FORM 6-K  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

REPORT OF FOREIGN ISSUER

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16  
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of JUNE, 2006

UNILEVER PLC  
(Translation of registrant's name into English)

UNILEVER HOUSE, BLACKFRIARS, LONDON, ENGLAND  
(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..X.. Form 40-F.....

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Yes ..... No .X..

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Exhibit 99 attached hereto is incorporated herein by reference.

Signatures

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.

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UNILEVER PLC

/S/ S G WILLIAMS  
By S G WILLIAMS  
SECRETARY

Date: JUNE 06, 2006

EXHIBIT INDEX

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EXHIBIT NUMBER	EXHIBIT DESCRIPTION
99	Notice to London Stock Exchange dated 06 June 2006, HR Contract With Accenture

Exhibit 99

UNILEVER AWARDS HR OUTSOURCING CONTRACT

TO ACCENTURE

Unilever today announced that it has awarded its global Human Resources outsourcing contract to Accenture. This follows the announcement in April of an outsourcing contract to Accenture for its European IT operation, and in December last year for its European financial transactional services to IBM.

The Human Resources contract sees Unilever outsourcing the transactional and administrative parts of the function globally. The contract covers transactional, administrative and HR IT systems support for activities such as recruitment and resourcing, reward, training, and performance management.

The outsourcing programme is part of the company's One Unilever initiatives to increase leverage of its scale, improve its marketplace competitiveness, deliver functional excellence, and create a more competitive cost-structure allowing it to focus on its consumers and customers.

Unilever intends to minimise the impact on people by transferring staff to Accenture, early retirement, exploring alternative roles, natural attrition and through voluntary programmes.

Unilever has a great deal of experience of managing change and, as well as dealing with people issues sensitively and professionally, it is committed to working closely with the relevant employee representatives and works councils.

Sandy Ogg, Unilever's chief HR officer, said: "This global outsourcing deal represents a major strategic choice for Unilever. We believe that it is best for our business if we concentrate on our core competencies and transfer what is our back office and make it into someone else's front office. We can also leverage Accenture's capabilities and expertise. This deal allows us to create a simpler, more agile Global HR function to better support Unilever's growth agenda."

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John Zealley, managing partner of Accenture's European Consumer Goods & Services Practice, said: "This agreement should help support Unilever as it strives to transform its business.

"By outsourcing functions such as human resources to Accenture, Unilever should benefit from increased efficiencies, decreased costs and greater global standardization."

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About Unilever -

Unilever's mission is to add vitality to life. We meet everyday needs for nutrition, hygiene and personal care with brands that help people feel good, look good and get more out of life.

Unilever is one of the world's leading suppliers of fast moving consumer goods with strong local roots in more than 100 countries across the globe. Its portfolio includes some of the world's best known and most loved brands including twelve EUR1 billion brands and global leadership in many categories in which the company operates. The portfolio features brand icons such as: Knorr, Hellmann's, Flora, Bertolli, Dove, Lux, Pond's, Lynx, Sunsilk, Persil, Cif and Domestos.

Unilever has around 206,000 employees in approaching 100 countries and generated annual sales of EUR40 billion in 2005. For more information about Unilever and its brands, please visit [www.unilever.com](http://www.unilever.com).

About Accenture -

Accenture is a global management consulting, technology services and outsourcing company. Committed to delivering innovation, Accenture collaborates with its clients to help them become high-performance businesses and governments.

With deep industry and business process expertise, broad global resources and a proven track record, Accenture can mobilize the right people, skills and technologies to help clients improve their performance. With more than 129,000 people in 48 countries, the company generated net revenues of US\$15.55 billion for the fiscal year ended Aug. 31, 2005. Its home page is [www.accenture.com](http://www.accenture.com).

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