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Form 6-K
Report of Foreign Private Issuer
Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
December 15, 2008
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Siemens Aktiengesellschaft
(Translation of registrant's name into English)
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(Address of principal executive offices)**

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Ad-hoc Announcement according to § 15 WpHG (Securities Trading Act)

Siemens: Resolution with German and U.S. authorities reached

Siemens AG announced today that legal proceedings against it arising out of allegations of corruption of public officials were concluded on the same day in Munich and in Washington, DC. Siemens will pay total fines and penalties of approximately EUR 1 billion.

In Munich, the public prosecutor issued and Siemens AG accepted a fine of EUR 395 million for failure to supervise its operations effectively. The issued fine concludes the investigations conducted by the Munich public prosecutor against Siemens AG. The investigations against former members of the managing board and employees of Siemens AG as well as against other individuals remain unaffected.

In Washington, DC, Siemens AG pled guilty in Federal Court to charges of circumventing or failing to maintain adequate internal controls and failing to comply with the books and records provisions of the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA). In related cases, three Siemens foreign subsidiaries pled guilty to individual counts of conspiracy to violate the FCPA. In connection with these pleas, Siemens and the three subsidiaries agreed to pay a fine of \$450 million (approx. EUR 355 million) to settle charges of the United States Department of Justice (DOJ). At the same time, Siemens settled a civil action against it brought by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) for violations of the FCPA. Siemens agreed to the disgorgement of profits in the amount of \$350 million (approx. EUR 275 million).

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Munich, Germany, December 15, 2008

Siemens AG reaches a resolution with German and U.S. authorities

Siemens AG announced today that legal proceedings against it arising from allegations of bribing public officials were concluded on the same day in Munich, Germany, and in Washington, DC. Siemens will pay total fines and penalties of about 1 billion.

In Munich, the public prosecutor announced the termination of the legal proceeding alleging the failure of the former Managing Board of Siemens AG to fulfill its supervisory duties. Siemens agreed to pay a fine of 395 million. The payment of this fine marks the conclusion of this legal proceeding in Germany. In a similar action in October 2007 relating to Siemens' former telecommunications or Com Group, Siemens paid 201 million. This brings the total amount payable to authorities in Germany in connection with these legal proceedings to 596 million. The investigations of former members of the Managing Board, employees of Siemens AG and other individuals remain unaffected by this settlement.

In Washington, DC, Siemens AG pled guilty in Federal Court to charges of knowingly circumventing and failing to maintain adequate internal controls and failing to comply with the books and records provisions of the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA). In related cases, three Siemens foreign subsidiaries pled guilty to individual counts of conspiracy to violate the FCPA. In connection with these pleas, Siemens and the three subsidiaries agreed to pay a fine of US\$450 million (approximately 350 million) to resolve charges leveled by the United States Department of Justice (DOJ). At the same time, Siemens settled a civil action against it brought by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) for violations of the FCPA. Siemens agreed to the disgorgement of profits in the amount of US\$350 million (approximately 270 million).

The agreement reflects the U.S. prosecutors' express recognition of Siemens' extraordinary cooperation as well as Siemens' new and comprehensive compliance program and extensive remediation efforts. Based on these facts, the lead agency for U.S. federal government contracts, the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA), issued a formal determination that Siemens remains a responsible contractor for U.S. government business.

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Under the terms of the plea and settlement agreements reached today in the United States, Siemens has engaged Dr. Theo Waigel, former German Finance Minister, as compliance monitor to evaluate and report on the company's progress in implementing and operating its new compliance programs. Waigel, who was recommended by Siemens, will be the first non-U.S. national appointed to serve as a compliance monitor.

Siemens is closing a painful chapter in its history. For Siemens, the corruption cases in Germany and the U.S. are now over. Today marks the end of an unprecedented two-year effort to resolve extremely serious matters for the company. Based on robust leadership processes, Siemens has established a sustainable culture of compliance, said Gerhard Cromme, Chairman of Siemens Supervisory Board.

We regret what happened in the past. But we have learned from it and taken appropriate measures. Siemens is now a stronger company, said Peter Löscher, Siemens President and CEO.

For convenience purposes the U.S. fines (payable in US\$) were translated in Euro (EUR) based on an exchange rate of 1.30US\$.

Siemens AG (Berlin and Munich) is a global powerhouse in electronics and electrical engineering, operating in the industry, energy and healthcare sectors. The company has around 430,000 employees (in continuing operations) working to develop and manufacture products, design and install complex systems and projects, and tailor a wide range of solutions for individual requirements. For over 160 years, Siemens has stood for technical achievements, innovation, quality, reliability and internationality. In fiscal 2008, Siemens had revenue of 77.3 billion and a net income of 5.9 billion (IFRS). Further information is available on the Internet at: www.siemens.com.

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Munich, Germany, December 15, 2008

Dr. Theo Waigel appointed as compliance monitor

Siemens AG announced today that it had engaged Dr. Theo Waigel, former German Minister of Finance, as its compliance monitor. The monitoring of a company's compliance processes is typically part of the settlement of criminal charges in the United States. It was a requirement by the United States Department of Justice (DOJ) and the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) in connection with the settlements reached today.

Compliance monitors have until today always been Americans, usually former U.S. prosecutors or former federal judges. The appointment of a German national to serve as its compliance monitor was suggested by Siemens and agreed to by the U.S. authorities.

As compliance monitor, Dr. Waigel will deliver regular reports to the SEC und DOJ regarding the effectiveness of the Company's newly implemented compliance measures.

Theo Waigel is the first compliance monitor who is not a U.S. national. This, too, is further evidence of the sensitivity and prudence of the authorities. And it can certainly also be seen as evidence that the company's course of clarification and change over the past two years has restored trust, said Gerhard Cromme, Chairman of Siemens' Supervisory Board.

Theo Waigel will support us here with his expert advice in his role as monitor. I am thankful for that. And I look forward to working with him, said Peter Löscher, Siemens' President and CEO.

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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.

SIEMENS AKTIENGESELLSCHAFT

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