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REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 OF
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the month of November 2002

ALSTOM

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

25, AVENUE KLÉBER, 75116 PARIS, FRANCE

(Address of Registrant's Principal Executive Office)

(Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F)

Form 20-F

Form 40-F

(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

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20 November 2002

ALSTOM SELECTS EDS AS PREFERRED BIDDER
FOR IT OUTSOURCING PROJECT

ALSTOM has selected the leading global services company EDS as preferred bidder for a project to outsource the Company's IT infrastructure and related services. The project excludes IT hardware and software embedded in ALSTOM's products, equipment and systems.

Under the outsourcing, ALSTOM's IT infrastructure, operations and services in 14 countries - Belgium, Brazil, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Mexico, Poland,

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Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the UK and USA - would be transferred to EDS. Approximately 1,300 ALSTOM employees in these countries would also transfer to EDS, following appropriate employee consultation.

ALSTOM expects the outsourcing to reduce its IT costs, while delivering improved operational efficiency, and higher IT service and quality levels.

ALSTOM and EDS expect to reach contractual agreement over the coming months.

ALSTOM IS THE GLOBAL SPECIALIST IN ENERGY AND TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE. THE COMPANY SERVES THE ENERGY MARKET THROUGH ITS ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELDS OF POWER GENERATION AND POWER TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION, AND THE TRANSPORT MARKET THROUGH ITS ACTIVITIES IN RAIL AND MARINE. IN FISCAL YEAR 2001/02, ALSTOM HAD ANNUAL SALES IN EXCESS OF 23 BILLION AND TODAY EMPLOYS 112,000 PEOPLE IN OVER 70 COUNTRIES.

ALSTOM IS LISTED ON THE PARIS, LONDON AND NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGES.

EDS, THE LEADING GLOBAL SERVICES COMPANY, PROVIDES STRATEGY, IMPLEMENTATION, BUSINESS TRANSFORMATION AND OPERATIONAL SOLUTIONS FOR CLIENTS MANAGING THE BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY COMPLEXITIES OF THE DIGITAL ECONOMY. EDS BRINGS TOGETHER THE WORLD'S BEST TECHNOLOGIES TO ADDRESS CRITICAL CLIENT BUSINESS IMPERATIVES. IT HELPS CLIENTS ELIMINATE BOUNDARIES, COLLABORATE IN NEW WAYS, ESTABLISH THEIR CUSTOMERS' TRUST AND CONTINUOUSLY SEEK IMPROVEMENT. EDS, WITH ITS MANAGEMENT CONSULTING SUBSIDIARY, A.T. KEARNEY, SERVES THE WORLD'S LEADING COMPANIES AND GOVERNMENTS IN 60 COUNTRIES. EDS REPORTED REVENUES OF \$21.5 BILLION IN 2001. THE COMPANY'S STOCK IS TRADED ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE (NYSE: EDS) AND THE LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE. LEARN MORE AT WWW.EDS.COM.

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21 November 2002

ALSTOM WINS CONTRACT IN THE US FOR LOCOMOTIVE MAINTENANCE WORTH OVER USD 420 MILLION

ALSTOM has just been awarded a contract worth over USD 420 million (over 430 million) by Burlington Northern & Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF) for the maintenance of 434 freight locomotives over a 12 year period.

This new contract confirms ALSTOM's strategy in transport: to rapidly grow its service activities thanks to its wide range of expertise and to strengthen its positions in North America.

BNSF operates one of the largest railroad networks in North America with 56 000 kilometres of track covering 28 states and two Canadian provinces. This vast network covers the western two-third of the United States.

To ensure the highest level of fleet availability and reliability, ALSTOM will apply the innovative technique of Conditioned Based Maintenance, which is based mainly on the performance and reliability analysis of each piece of equipment and each sub-system. This technique will enable BNSF to achieve substantial savings on its maintenance costs.

Michel Moreau, President of ALSTOM's Transport Sector, said: "We are very proud

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of this latest success in the US, which comes just after the awards, in June and July this year, of the prestigious Washington and New York metro contracts. Signing this new order with a partner of BNSF's standing, establishes ALSTOM in the diesel-electric locomotive freight market in North America, and reinforces ALSTOM's position as the most diversified, worldwide leader in rolling stock services."

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