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Form 6-K
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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 for the month of June 2003

The BOC Group plc
Chertsey Road, Windlesham,
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England

(Name and address of registrant's principal executive office)

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Yes: No:

Enclosure:

A notification dated 6 June 2003 advising of the appointment of Andrew Bonfield as a Non-executive director of The BOC Group plc with effect from 29 July 2003.

THE BOC GROUP plc ANNOUNCEMENT RELEASED TO A REGULATORY INFORMATION SERVICE
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6 June 2003

Andrew Bonfield appointed a non-executive director of The BOC Group plc.

Andrew Bonfield, senior vice-president and chief financial officer of Bristol-Myers Squibb Company, is appointed a non-executive director of The BOC Group plc with effect from 29 July 2003.

Mr Bonfield qualified as a chartered accountant in South Africa, working for Price Waterhouse, before joining SmithKline Beecham in 1990 and rising to become chief financial officer. He joined BG Group plc in 2001 as executive director - finance before assuming his current role at Bristol-Myers Squibb Company in 2002.

Rob Margetts, chairman of The BOC Group, said: "Andrew's financial experience and knowledge of international business will be of great benefit to BOC".

There is no information to be disclosed under the requirements of the Listing Rule 16.4 in relation to this appointment.

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SIGNATURE

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

Date: July 1, 2003

By:

Name: David Kinnair
Title: Assistant Company Secretary