CELLTECH GROUP PLC Form 6-K April 17, 2003

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

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

Pursuant to Rule 13A-16 or 15D-16 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of April, 2003

Commission File Number: 1-10817

CELLTECH GROUP PLC

(Translation of registrant s name into English)

208 Bath Road, Slough, Berkshire SL1 3WE ENGLAND

(Address of principal executive offices)

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 X Form 40-F

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Indicate by check mark whether by furnishing the information contained in this Form, the registrant is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes ____ No X

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The Report contains a copy of the following:

(1) Press Release, Celltech Announces Appointment of New Chief Executive Officer, dated April 16, 2003.

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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.

CELLTECH GROUP PLC (Registrant)

By: /s/ PETER ALLEN

Peter Allen Deputy CEO and CFO

Dated: April 16, 2003

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