

SANOFI SYNTHELABO SA

Form 6-K

April 05, 2004

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 6-K  
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 2004

Commission File Number: 001-31368

**SANOFI-SYNTHÉLABO**

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

174, avenue de France, 75013 Paris, FRANCE  
(Address of principal executive offices)

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April 5th , 2004

Sanofi-Synthélabo's Offer for Aventis

Sanofi-Synthélabo announces the filing today of the notification of its offer for Aventis with the U.S. Federal Trade Commission (FTC) under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976.

In accordance with article 7 of the COB rule no. 2002-04, this document was transmitted to the Autorité des marchés financiers (AMF) before its publication.

**Important Information:** In connection with the proposed acquisition of Aventis, Sanofi-Synthelabo has filed a registration statement on Form F-4 (File no. 333-112314) and will file additional documents with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). **Investors are urged to read the registration statement and any other relevant documents filed with the SEC, including all amendments, because they contain important information.** Free copies of the registration statement, as well as other relevant documents filed with the SEC, may be obtained at the SEC's web site at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). At the appropriate time, transaction-related documents may be obtained for free from Sanofi-Synthelabo.

In France, holders of Aventis securities are requested, with respect to the offer, to refer to the prospectus (*note d'information*), which has been granted *visa* number 04-0090 by the *Autorité des marchés financiers* (AMF) and which is available on the website of the AMF ([www.amf-france.org](http://www.amf-france.org)) and without cost from: BNP Paribas Securities Services, GIS-Emetteurs, Service Logistique, Les Collines de l'Arche, 75450 Paris Cedex 9.

On March 11, 2004, Sanofi-Synthelabo issued an offer prospectus in accordance with German law, which is the only document applicable in connection with the public offer made by Sanofi-Synthélabo to holders of Aventis ordinary shares located in Germany (the German Offer). Any decision to tender Aventis ordinary shares in exchange for Sanofi-Synthélabo ordinary shares under the German Offer must be taken exclusively with regard to the terms and conditions of the German Offer, as well as with regard to the information included in the offer prospectus issued in Germany.



**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.

Dated: April 5, 2004

SANOFI-SYNTHÉLABO

By: /s/ Marie-Hélène Laimay

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Name: Marie-Hélène Laimay  
Title: Senior Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer