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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

For the month of July, 2004

PRUDENTIAL PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

LAURENCE POUNTNEY HILL,  
LONDON, EC4R 0HH, ENGLAND  
(Address of principal executive offices)

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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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in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b): 82-

Enclosures: Statement re. Egg France

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Statement Regarding Egg France

Prudential plc notes and supports Egg's announcement today that it is taking the  
necessary steps to withdraw from the French market.

Prudential remains in discussions regarding a possible transaction with respect  
to its approximately 79 per cent shareholding in Egg. A further announcement  
with respect to the conclusion of this transaction will be made, as appropriate,  
in due course.

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### Notes to Editors:

On 22 October 2003 Egg announced that the execution of its French business plan would take longer and require a greater level of investment than Egg was prepared to undertake on a standalone basis. At that time, Egg considered forming an alliance with a strategic partner and, to that end, entered into negotiations, which might have led to a joint venture. These conversations led to other options being presented by various parties and as a result, Prudential announced on 14 January 2004 that it was in preliminary discussions regarding a possible transaction with respect to its 79 per cent shareholding in Egg. On 26 January Prudential announced that while discussions were continuing, it had received unsolicited indications of interest from a number of parties, which may or may not have led to a transaction.

As stated in its separate announcement, Egg expects the cost of closing Egg France to be approximately EUR170 million (GBP113 million).

### Forward-Looking Statements

This statement may contain certain "forward-looking statements" with respect to certain of Prudential's plans and its current goals and expectations relating to its future financial condition, performance, results, strategy and objectives. Statements containing the words "believes", "intends", "expects", "plans", "seeks" and "anticipates", and words of similar meaning, are forward-looking. By their nature, all forward-looking statements involve risk and uncertainty because they relate to future events and circumstances which are beyond Prudential's control including among other things, UK domestic and global economic and business conditions, market related risks such as fluctuations in interest rates and exchange rates, and the performance of financial markets generally; the policies and actions of regulatory authorities, the impact of competition, inflation, and deflation; experience in particular with regard to mortality and morbidity trends, lapse rates and policy renewal rates; the timing, impact and other uncertainties of future acquisitions or combinations within relevant industries; and the impact of changes in capital, solvency or accounting standards, and tax and other legislation and regulations in the jurisdictions in which Prudential and its affiliates operate. This may for example result in changes to assumptions used for determining results of operations or re-estimations of reserves for future policy benefits. As a result, Prudential's actual future financial condition, performance and results may differ materially from the plans, goals, and expectations set forth in Prudential's forward-looking statements. Prudential undertakes no obligation to update the forward-looking statements contained in this statement or any other forward-looking statements it may make.

### 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.

Date 13 July 2004

PRUDENTIAL PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY

By: /s/ Clare Staley,

