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Form 8-K  
November 20, 2002

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF  
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): November 19, 2002

SkillSoft Public Limited Company

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

Republic of Ireland	000-25674	N/A
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(State or other juris- diction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

20 Industrial Park Drive, Nashua, New Hampshire	03062
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(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (603) 324-3000

SmartForce Public Limited Company

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(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS.

On November 19, 2002, SkillSoft Public Limited Company (the "Company"), formerly SmartForce Public Limited Company, issued a press release announcing that it intends to restate its historical financial statements for 1999, 2000, 2001 and the first two quarters of 2002, which financial statements relate to periods prior to the Company's merger with SkillSoft Corporation on September 6, 2002. In addition, the Company discussed the status of its post-merger

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integration efforts. The full text of the press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit No. -----	Description -----
99.1	Press release dated November 19, 2002 relating to the Company's intent to restate certain historical financial statements

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SIGNATURE

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.

SKILLSOFT PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY

By: /s/ Charles E. Moran

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Charles E. Moran  
President and Chief Executive Officer

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