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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER

PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the month of March 2003

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ALSTOM

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

25, avenue Kléber, 75116 Paris, France

(Address of principal executive offices)

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PATRICK KRON SUCCEEDS PIERRE BILGER AS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF ALSTOM

At a meeting held on 11 March 2003, following a proposal by Pierre Bilger, the Board of Directors of ALSTOM has appointed Patrick Kron Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of ALSTOM. This appointment, with immediate effect, shortens a transition period initially planned to last until 31 December 2003.

Pierre Bilger said: "For the past three months, as Chief Executive Officer, Patrick Kron has taken on the management of the Company with skill, energy and determination. There is no need to extend further this transition period. In the interest of clarity and efficiency, I have therefore proposed to the Board that he also becomes Chairman with immediate effect. On the eve of my departure from this Company, which I managed for twelve years, I am convinced that under Patrick Kron's leadership, its exceptional human, technical and industrial potential, combined with its strong market positions world-wide, will allow ALSTOM to overcome its present difficulties and restore its shareholders' confidence."

Patrick Kron declared : "Pierre Bilger grew ALSTOM into one of the world leaders in the transport and energy infrastructure markets. Under his leadership, the Company registered world-wide a number of industrial and commercial successes, and built a strong reputation for innovation. Together with the Board members and all the staff of the Company, I pay tribute to Pierre and his strong personal commitment."

The Board has also co-opted with immediate effect Gérard Hauser, Chairman and CEO of Nexans, as a member of the Board and this appointment will be submitted for ratification at the next Shareholders' Meeting.

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