

GILLETTE CO  
Form 424B2  
November 05, 2002

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\$500,000,000  
Gillette CoreNotes<sup>SM</sup>

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Pricing Supplement No. 008 - dated November 1, 2002  
(To Prospectus dated July 10, 2002, and Prospectus Supplement dated August 23, 2002)

| CUSIP Number | Aggregate Principal Amount | Price to Public <sup>(1)</sup> | Purchasing Agent's Discount/Commission <sup>(1)</sup> | Proceeds, Before Expenses, to Gillette <sup>(1)</sup> | Interest Rate Per Annum | Interest Payment Frequency (begin date) | Stated Maturity Date | Survivor's Option |
|--------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|---|---|-------------------------|---|----------------------|-------------------|
| 37576GAH3    | \$4,703,000                | 100%                           | 1.50%   | 98.50%  | 4.85%                   | quarterly<br>2/15/03                    | 11/6/2012            | Yes               |

**Redemption Information:** Redeemable at the option of The Gillette Company on 11/15/2003 and each Interest Payment Date thereafter at a price equal to 100%.

**Other/Additional Provisions:**

The Gillette Company  
Prudential Tower  
Building  
Boston, MA 02199

Trade Date: November 1, 2002  
Original Issue Date: November 6, 2002  
Minimum Denominations/Increments: \$1,000/\$1,000  
Original Issue Discount Note: No  
All trades settle without accrued interest and clear SDFS: DTC Book-Entry only  
Merrill Lynch DTC Participant Number: 5132

**Merrill Lynch & Co.**  
*Purchasing Agent*

Acting as Principal

(1) Expressed as a percentage of the aggregate principal amount.  
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