DASSAULT SYSTEMES SA
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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

                Report on Form 6-K dated February 6, 2003

                     Commission File No. 0-28578

                         DASSAULT SYSTEMES S.A.
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                          (Name of Registrant)

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                    (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

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Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934:

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                              ENCLOSURE:

Dassault Systemes S.A. (the "Company") is furnishing under cover of Form 6-K, a
press release dated February 6, 2003, announcing that the Company has been
selected by Ford Motor Company to supply and integrate its most advanced IBM
Product Lifecycle Management (PLM) solutions, including CATIA(R) V5 and
ENOVIAVPM(TM) software, into the automaker's design and manufacturing processes
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IBM and Dassault Systemes Awarded Contract
for Worldwide Vehicle Development
by Ford Motor Company

Armonk, N.Y., U.S.A, and Paris, France - February 6, 2003 - IBM and Dassault
Systemes (Nasdaq: DASTY: Euronext Paris: #13065, DSY.PA) have been selected by
Ford Motor Company to supply and integrate their most advanced IBM Product
Lifecycle Management (PLM) solutions, including CATIA(R) V5 and ENOVIAVPM(TM)
software, into the automaker's design and manufacturing processes worldwide.

The long-term contract calls for the installation of CATIA V5 and ENOVIAVPM
developed by Dassault Systemes, as well as process and methodology consultation
from IBM and Dassault Systemes. Financial terms were not disclosed.

Land Rover and Volvo Cars - part of Ford Motor Company - presently use IBM
Product Lifecycle Management (PLM) solutions. Ford will integrate these
solutions into its next generation C3P (PLM) systems environment across the
company.

"Ford's selection of IBM and Dassault Systemes' technology demonstrates the
power of our full PLM portfolio to help companies improve their product creation
processes and better integrate the complex series of steps that advanced
manufacturing requires," said Ed Petrozelli, General Manager, IBM Global Product
Lifecycle Management. "This is why PLM is one of the cornerstone applications in
IBM's strategy to help enterprises like Ford become true 'on demand'
businesses."

"Ford's decision for CATIA and ENOVIAVPM solutions will give Ford the agility
required to respond dynamically to changing customer demand," said Bernard
Charles, president and CEO, Dassault Systemes. "V5 provides an enterprise-wide
collaborative development environment that fosters innovation, shortens
development cycles, and increases flexibility."

About IBM
IBM is the world's largest information technology company, with 80 years of
leadership in helping businesses innovate. IBM Sales & Distribution, which
supports more than a dozen key industries worldwide, works with companies of all
sizes around the world to deploy the full range of IBM technologies. The fastest
way to get more information about IBM is through the IBM home page at
http://www.ibm.com

About Dassault Systemes
As world leader in PLM (three-dimensional Product Lifecycle Management)
solutions, the Dassault Systemes group brings value to more than 55,000
customers in 80 countries. A pioneer in the 3D software market since 1981,
Dassault Systemes develops and markets PLM application software and services
that support industrial processes and provide a 3D vision of the entire life
cycle of products from conception to retirement. Its offering includes
integrated PLM solutions for product development (CATIA, ENOVIA, DELMIA,
SMARTEAM), general-use 3D solutions (SolidWorks), and 3D components (SPATIAL).
Dassault Systemes is listed on the Nasdaq (DASTY) and Euronext Paris (#13065,
DSY.PA) stock exchanges. For more information, visit http://www.3ds.com

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                                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.

                                        DASSAULT SYSTEMES S.A.

        Date: February 6, 2003   By: /s/ Thibault de Tersant

                                            Name: Thibault de Tersant
                                            Title: Chief Financial Officer,
                                                    Executive Vice President

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