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REPORT OF FOREIGN ISSUER

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of June 2008

UNILEVER PLC
(Translation of registrant's name into English)

UNILEVER HOUSE, BLACKFRIARS, LONDON, ENGLAND
(Address of principal executive offices)

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Exhibit 99 attached hereto is incorporated herein by reference.

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.

UNILEVER PLC

/S/ S H M A Dumoulin
By S H M A Dumoulin
Secretary

Date: 24 June 2008

EXHIBIT INDEX

EXHIBIT NUMBER	EXHIBIT DESCRIPTION
99	Notice to London Stock Exchange dated 24 June 2008 Genevieve Berger to be Chief R&D Officer

Exhibit 99

GENEVIÈVE BERGER TO BE CHIEF R&D OFFICER

Unilever today announced that Professor Geneviève Berger (PhD, MD) has been appointed as its chief research and development officer. Professor Berger, who is currently professor of medicine at Pierre and Marie Curie University and at La Pitié-Salpêtrière Teaching Hospital in Paris, will report directly to group chief executive, Patrick Cescau, and will join his executive team.

In her new role Professor Berger will be the functional leader for research and development in Unilever and will directly lead all the resources and major laboratories dedicated to the company's focus on scientific discovery. She will be responsible for Unilever's Safety and Environmental Assurance Centre (SEAC) as well as advising the executive on all matters of science and technology.

Patrick Cescau, group chief executive, said: "I am extremely pleased to be able to welcome Geneviève to my team as an executive member. The contribution she has made to the business as a non-executive was outstanding and served to demonstrate to us how much more she could achieve in a full-time capacity. She will bring to Unilever her strong inter-disciplinary background, as well as her expertise in managing science."

Geneviève Berger, said: "I am delighted to be joining Unilever in this exciting role. During my time as a non-executive director I have been hugely impressed by Unilever's commitment to science and to R&D in particular, but felt that the contribution that I could make was limited by time. I am hugely grateful to Patrick for giving me the opportunity to lead the function and to use my knowledge on a full-time basis."

Michael Treschow, chairman of Unilever, said: "I fully support the appointment of Professor Berger to this new executive position. In the short time that she was on the board her contribution to our understanding of scientific and technical matters was exceptional and I am sure that she will be better placed to serve Unilever by being a full-time member of Patrick's executive team."

Professor Geneviève Berger, 53, will step down from the boards of Unilever plc and Unilever N.V., where she is currently a non-executive director.

Professor Berger will take up her new position at the beginning of July and at the same time will leave her current position at Pierre and Marie Curie University

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Notes:

Professor Geneviève Berger

Geneviève Berger was born in France in 1955 and was educated in physics and medicine. She has three doctorates: a PhD in Physics, a PhD in Human Biology and a Medical Doctorate.

In 1996, she was appointed University Professor in medicine at Pierre and Marie Curie University (Paris)I and, since 2003, has worked in La Pitié-Salpêtrière Teaching Hospital as a professor and hospital practitioner.

Geneviève's accomplishments include serving as the director of the Biotech and Agri-Food Department at the French Ministry for Education, Research and Technology (1998-2000) and her appointment as Head of the Technology Directorate at the French Ministry of Research in 2000. Between 2000 and 2003, she was also Director General of the CNRS (Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique) which is one of the world's largest research organisation with some 26,000 employees.

She is currently a member of the Technical Program Committee of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) on ultrasonics, ferroelectrics and frequency control and the Chairman of the Advisory Group -

Health for the European Commission.

The author of numerous publications and patents, her many honours and awards include the CNRS Silver Medal for the Life Sciences (1994), Yves Rocard Prize from the French Physics Society (1997), the European Grand Prix for Innovation Award (2001) and the American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine (AIUM) Honorary Fellow Award (2006).

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Unilever's mission is to add vitality to life. We meet everyday needs for nutrition, hygiene and personal care with brands that help people feel good, look good and get more out of life.

Unilever is one of the world's leading suppliers of fast moving consumer goods with strong local roots in more than 100 countries across the globe. Its portfolio includes some of the world's best known and most loved brands including twelve €1 billion brands and global leadership in many categories in which the company operates. The portfolio features brand icons such as Flora, Bertolli, Dove, Lux, Pond's, Lynx, Sunsilk, Persil, Cif and Domestos.

Unilever has around 174,000 employees in approaching 100 countries and generated annual sales of €40 billion in 2007. For more information about Unilever and its brands, visit www.unilever.com.

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