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Form 6-K
August 13, 2004

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16
UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the month of August 2004

Commission File Number: 001-31368

SANOFI-SYNTHELABO
(Translation of registrant's name into English)

174, avenue de France, 75013 Paris, FRANCE
(Address of principal executive offices)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

Form 20-F [X]

Form 40-F []

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is submitting the Form 6-K in paper as permitted by Regulation S-T Rule 101(b) (1): _____

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes []

No [X]

If "Yes" marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b): 82-_____

This Report on Form 6-K shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference into Sanofi-Synthelabo's Registration Statement on Form F-4 (Registration No. 333-112314), as post-effectively amended and declared effective on May 13, 2004 by the United States Securities Exchange Commission, and the related prospectus, dated April 9, 2004, and the prospectus supplement, dated May 27, 2004, each filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and shall be part thereof from the date on which this Report is filed, to the extent not superseded by documents or reports subsequently filed or furnished.

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On August 13, 2004, at the request of the Autorite des marches financiers, the French stock market regulator, Sanofi-Synthelabo published an announcement of the opening of the subsequent offering period in its offer for Aventis. An English translation of the French announcement is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

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.

Dated: August 13, 2004

SANOFI-SYNTHELABO

By: /s/ Marie-Helene Laimay

Name: Marie-Helene Laimay
Title: Senior Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

| Exhibit No. ----- | Description ----- |
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| Exhibit 99.1 | English translation of text of advertisement required to be published by Sanofi-Synthelabo in Les Echos on August 13, 2004, announcing the opening of the subsequent offering period |