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Form 6-K  
March 10, 2005

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 March, 2005

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Commission File Number 001-13908  
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AMVESCAP PLC

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(Translation of registrant's name into English)

30 Finsbury Square, London EC2A 1AG, ENGLAND

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(Address of principal executive offices)

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Yes  No   
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Description of document filed: AMVESCAP ("ESOP") SOLD 3,979 SHARES ON BEHALF  
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OF A BENEFICIARY.  
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AMVESCAP PLC  
IMMEDIATE RELEASE 9 MARCH 2005  
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In accordance with Chapter 16.13 of the Listing Rules, notification is hereby given that:-

On the 7 March 2005, the Trustee of the AMVESCAP Employee Stock Ownership Plan ("ESOP") sold 3,979 shares on behalf of a beneficiary at (pound)3.63. The sale was not made on behalf of a director of AMVESCAP. The Company was notified of this transaction on 9 March 2005.

Executive Directors of AMVESCAP PLC who are participants in the Employee Stock Ownership Plan are deemed to be discretionary beneficiaries of the Trust and are consequently considered to be interested in all of the shares held by the Trustees.

9 MARCH 2005

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.

AMVESCAP PLC

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(Registrant)

Date 9 March, 2005

By /s/ Angela Tully

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(Signature)

Angela Tully  
Assistant Company Secretary