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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

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

Prudential Public Limited Company

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Successful placement of the rights issue rump

Following the announcement earlier today that Prudential plc ("Prudential") had received valid acceptances in respect of 310,221,770 new Prudential shares, representing approximately 92.00% of the total number of new Prudential shares offered to shareholders pursuant to the 1 for 6 rights issue announced by Prudential on 19 October 2004 (the "Rights Issue"), Prudential now announces that, in accordance with the arrangements set out in Part III of the Rights Issue prospectus dated 19 October 2004, subscribers have today been procured for the remaining 26,993,927 new Prudential shares for which valid acceptances were not received, at a price of 419 pence per share.

The net proceeds from the sale of these new Prudential shares amounting, after deduction of the Rights Issue price of 308 pence per share and relevant costs, to 110 pence per share, will be paid to shareholders who have not taken up their entitlements, pro rata to their lapsed provisional allotments. As a result of the sale of these shares, neither the underwriters nor the sub-underwriters will be required to subscribe for any new Prudential shares.

The Rights Issue was underwritten by UBS Investment Bank, Cazenove & Co. Ltd and Goldman Sachs International.

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Each of UBS Limited, Cazenove & Co. Ltd and Goldman Sachs International is acting for Prudential plc and no-one else in connection with the Rights Issue and will not be responsible to anyone other than Prudential plc for providing the protections afforded to each of their respective clients or for providing advice in relation to the Rights Issue or any other matters referred to in this announcement.

Prudential plc is not affiliated with Prudential Financial, Inc., the ultimate holding company of Prudential Insurance Company of America.

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SIGNATURE

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.

PRUDENTIAL PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY

By: /s/ JOHN PRICE

Name: John Price

Title: *Deputy Group Secretary*Date: November 12, 2004

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