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Form 6-K  
October 21, 2003

FORM 6-K  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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

For the month of October 2003

Commission File Number 001-11005

ARACRUZ CELLULOSE S.A.

(Translation of Registrant's name into English)

Rua Lauro Muller 116-21(degree) Andar, Botafogo  
Rio de Janeiro, 22299-900 Brazil  
(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.

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Yes No X  
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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.

ARACRUZ CELULOSE S.A.  
(Registrant)

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Date: October 21, 2003

By: /s/ Carlos Augusto Lira Aguiar  
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Name: Carlos Augusto Lira Aguiar

Title: Chief Executive Officer

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99.1 Press release from Aracruz announcing synergy gains with Riocell.