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of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of August 2001

REUTERS GROUP PLC

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

85 FLEET STREET, LONDON EC4P 4AJ, ENGLAND
(Address of principal executive offices)

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

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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

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.

REUTERS GROUP PLC
(Registrant)

Dated: September 20, 2001

By: /s/ Nancy C. Gardner

REUTERS ACQUISITION OF BRIDGE ASSETS CLEARS US REGULATORY REVIEW

London — Reuters, the global information, news and technology group, said it has been informed that the US government has closed its review of Reuters bid to acquire certain assets of Bridge Information Systems Inc. without taking any action or imposing any conditions. The bid had been subject to review by the US Department of Justice under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Act since early May.

Bridge and Reuters are working together with the intention of satisfying the remaining closing conditions and completing the transaction within the next few weeks. Accordingly, Reuters has exercised its right to extend the term of the purchase agreement to 30 September 2001.

Bridge and some of its affiliates have been in reorganisation proceedings under Chapter 11 of the US Bankruptcy Code since earlier this year. In late April, Bridge declared Reuters the winner of an auction for certain of Bridge's business operations, and the US Bankruptcy Court approved the Reuters bid in early May.

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This news release may be deemed to include forward-looking statements relating to Reuters within the meaning of Section 27A of the US Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the US Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Certain important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those disclosed in such forward-looking statements are described in Reuters Interim Results Press Release for the period 30 June 2001 under the heading 'Risk Factors'. Copies of the Press Release are available on request from Reuters Group PLC, 85 Fleet Street, London EC4P 4AJ.

In addition, Reuters may not be able to complete the acquisition on the terms previously summarised or other acceptable terms, or at all, due to a number of factors, including failure to satisfy remaining closing conditions.

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