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BUNGE LTD Form 6-K October 17, 2002

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

FORM 6-K

Report of Foreign Issuer

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

October 17, 2002

BUNGE LIMITED (Translation of registrant's name into English)

50 Main Street
White Plains, New York 10606
(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.)

Form 20-F X Form 40-F

(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

EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1 English translation of French press release dated October 17, 2002 announcing filing of a request with the French stock exchange authorities for the standing offer to purchase outstanding Cereol shares

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.

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Date: October 17, 2002 Bunge Limited

By: /s/ Theodore P. Fox, III

Theodore P. Fox, III

Controller and Principal Accounting Officer