UNILEVER PLC Form 6-K December 04, 2008

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

#### REPORT OF FOREIGN ISSUER

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

For the month of December 2008

## **UNILEVER PLC**

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

## UNILEVER HOUSE, BLACKFRIARS, LONDON, ENGLAND

(Address of principal executive offices)

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Exhibit 99 attached hereto is incorporated herein by reference.

#### **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.

UNILEVER PLC

/S/ S H M A Dumoulin By S H M A Dumoulin Secretary

Date: 04 December, 2008

**EXHIBIT INDEX** 

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Notice to London Stock Exchange dated 04 December, 2008

Unilever in Cote D'Ivoire

Exhibit 99

## **UNILEVER IN COTE D'IVOIRE**

Unilever disposes of oils business and plantation interests and acquires regional soap business

Unilever has completed the sale of its edible oil business in Côte d'Ivoire

together with its interests in local oil palm plantations, Palmci and PHCI. At the same time it has acquired the soap business of Cosmivoire, an Ivorian producer with a market presence throughout Francophone West Africa. Cosmivoire is a subsidiary of SIFCA, the parent company of an Ivorian agro-industry group. The acquisition strengthens Unilever's consumer business position both in the sub-region and in Côte d'Ivoire

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The plantations interests and the edible oils business have been sold to SIFCA and to a 50:50 joint venture between

two Singapore-based companies, Wilmar International Limited and Olam International Limited.

Wilmar is the world's largest palm-oil processor and OLAM is a leading global supply chain manager of agricultural products with extensive operations across

Africa

. Their experience and expertise will greatly increase the competitiveness of the palm oil industry both in the sub-region and in

Côte d'Ivoire

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Diego Bevilacqua, Group Vice President for Africa

- , Middle East & Turkey, says: "This deal is absolutely in line with Unilever's strategy. It will allow us to focus our future efforts and investments in Francophone West Africa on two of Unilever's core categories, Skin Cleansing and Laundry
- . At the same time we are pleased to have been able to bring together partners for whom the palm plantations and oils business constitute the core of their business, and will bring value to those categories in

Cote d'Ivoire

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#### **About Unilever -**

Unilever's mission is to add vitality to life. We meet everyday needs for nutrition, hygiene and personal care with brands that help people feel good, look good and get more out of life.

Unilever is one of the world's leading suppliers of fast moving consumer goods with strong local roots in more than 100 countries across the globe. Its portfolio includes some of the world's best known and most loved brands including thirteen €1 billion brands and global leadership in many categories in which the company operates. The portfolio features brand icons such as:

Knorr, Hellmann's, Flora, Bertolli, Dove, Lux, Pond's, Lynx, Sunsilk, Persil, Cif and Domestos.

Unilever has around 174,000 employees in approaching 100 countries and generated annual sales of €40

billion in 2007. For more information about Unilever and its brands, please visit <a href="https://www.unilever.com">www.unilever.com</a>

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