

GILLETTE CO  
Form 424B2  
December 10, 2002

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\$500,000,000  
Gillette CoreNotes<sup>SM</sup>

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Pricing Supplement No. 012 - dated December 6, 2002

(To Prospectus dated July 10, 2002, and Prospectus Supplement dated August 23, 2002)

CUSIP Number	Aggregate Principal Amount	Price to Public <sup>(1)</sup>	Purchasing Agent's Discount/Commission <sup>(1)</sup>	Proceeds, Before Expenses, to Gillette <sup>(1)</sup>	Interest Rate Per Annum	Interest Payment Frequency (begin date)	Stated Maturity Date	Survivor's Option
37576GAM2	\$6,106,000	100%	1.50%	98.50%	5.00%	quarterly 3/15/2003	12/17/2012	Yes

**Redemption Information:** Redeemable at the option of The Gillette Company on 12/15/2003 and each Interest Payment Date thereafter at a price equal to 100%.

**Other/Additional Provisions:**

The Gillette Company  
Prudential Tower  
Building  
Boston, MA 02199

Trade Date: December 6, 2002  
Original Issue Date: December 11, 2002  
Minimum Denominations/Increments: \$1,000/\$1,000  
Original Issue Discount Note: No  
All trades settle without accrued interest and clear SDFS: DTC Book-Entry only  
Merrill Lynch DTC Participant Number: 5132

**Merrill Lynch & Co.**

*Purchasing Agent*

Acting as Principal

(1) Expressed as a percentage of the aggregate principal amount.  
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