

COLES MYER LTD
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER

PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 UNDER

THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT 1934

For the month of November, 2003

COLES MYER LTD.

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

800 TOORAK ROAD, TOORONGA, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA

(Address of principal executive offices)

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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 authorised.

COLES MYER LTD.

(Registrant)

By /s/ R F BENNETT

(Signature)

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Date November 26, 2003

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News Release

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Coles Myer earnings guidance

Coles Myer's underlying full year earnings were expected to rise by 20-23% to \$548-\$558 million during financial year 2004, CEO John Fletcher told the Annual General Meeting in Melbourne today.

Mr Fletcher said that net of supply chain implementation costs, this would mean earnings in line with market expectations of \$520-\$530 million, subject to satisfactory Christmas trading conditions.

Mr Fletcher told shareholders that Group sales in the second quarter to last weekend were up by 12.1%. In Food & Liquor, comparative store sales were strengthening, in line with expectations, and this trend was expected to continue as the Coles Express fuel offer was launched in New South Wales, the ACT and Tasmania on 1 December.

"It has been a good start to the year," he said.

With the underlying performance of the Group now clearly improving, Coles Myer was in a position to reinvest in its business for the long-term.

The five-year transformation of Coles Myer's information technology systems and supply chain would incur net cost in the early stages to reap benefits which would increase as the change progressed.

"We have previously flagged to the market a net annual cost of \$40 million before tax for the initial stage of the supply chain transformation, the very significant benefits from which will flow in future years," Mr Fletcher said.

"Having said that, we are committed to delivering significant annual earnings improvement even after the \$40 million before tax.

"We are committed to unlocking the full potential of our combined businesses for our customers and for you, our shareholders, for the first time in Coles Myer's history," Mr Fletcher said.

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