

TOTAL FINA ELF SA  
Form 424B3  
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**THE BANK OF NEW YORK**

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May 7, 2003

*U.S. Securities & Exchange Commission*

450 Fifth Street, N.W.

Washington, D.C. 20549

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Re: American Depositary Shares evidenced by American Depositary Receipts for Ordinary Shares of the par value of 10.00 Euros each of **Total S.A.** (f/k/a Total Fina Elf S.A.) (Form F-6 File No. **333-12244**)

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Dear Sir or Madam:

Pursuant to Rule 424(b)(3) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, on behalf of The Bank of New York, as Depositary for securities against which American Depositary Receipts are to be issued, we enclose a copy of the revised prospectus ( Prospectus ) for Total S.A. (f/k/a Total Fina Elf S.A.). As required by Rule 424(e) the right hand corner of the cover page has a reference to Rule 424(b)(3) and to the file number of the registration statement to which the prospectus relates.

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Pursuant to Section III B of the General Instructions to the Form F-6 Registration Statement, the Prospectus consists of the ADR certificate for Total S.A.

Due to the name change of Total Fina Elf S.A., the Prospectus has been revised to include an overstamp that states:

*Effective May 6, 2003, the company name has changed to Total S.A.*

Should you have any questions or comments please do not hesitate to contact me at (212) 815- 8257.

Sincerely,

/s/ ROBERT GOAD

Robert Goad

Vice President

Encl.

cc: Paul Dudek, Esq. (Office of International Corporate Finance)