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October 17, 2001

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER  
PURSUANT TO RULE 13A-16 OR 15D-16 OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

October 17, 2001

VIVENDI UNIVERSAL

42, AVENUE DE FRIEDLAND  
75008 PARIS  
FRANCE  
(ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover 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/

If "Yes" is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b):

Contents: Translation of Vivendi Universal's Consolidated Half-Year Financial Statements as at June 30, 2001 provided to the Commission des Operations de Bourse and published in BALO (Bulletin Des Annonces Legales Obligatoires) on October 17, 2001.

EXHIBIT LIST

| Exhibit | Description  |
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| 99.1    | Translation of Vivendi Universal's Consolidated Half-Year Financial Statements as at June 30, 2001 provided to the Commission des Operations de Bourse and published in BALO (Bulletin Des Annonces Legales Obligatoires) on October 17, 2001. |

SIGNATURES

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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.

VIVENDI UNIVERSAL

By: /s/ George E. Bushnell III

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Name: George E. Bushnell III

Title: Vice President

Date: October 17, 2001