

BANKGESELLSCHAFT BERLIN AG
Form SC 13D/A
November 05, 2002

Securities and Exchange Commission
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D
Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment No. 1)

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT TO
RULE 13d-1(a) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED PURSUANT TO RULE 13d-2(a)

Aberdeen Australia Equity Fund, Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share

(Title of Class of Securities)

318652104

(CUSIP Number)

Moritz Sell
Bankgesellschaft Berlin AG
Alexanderplatz 2
D-10178 Berlin
Germany

(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person
Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

October 31, 2002

(Date of Event which Requires
Filing of this Statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition which is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of Rule 13d-1(b)(3) or (4), check the following box. []

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| 1 | NAME OF REPORTING PERSON S.S. OR I.R.S. ID NO. OF ABOVE PERSON Bankgesellschaft Berlin AG |
| 2 | CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP |
| 3 | SEC USE ONLY |
| 4 | SOURCE OF FUNDS |
| 5 | CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e) |
| 6 | CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION Federal Republic of Germany |
| | NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH |
| | SOLE VOTING POWER |
| | SHARED VOTING POWER |
| | SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER |
| | SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER |
| 11 | AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON |
| 12 | CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES |
| 13 | PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11) |
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This Amendment No. 1 amends and supplements Items 3 and 5 of the Statement on Schedule 13D of Bankgesellschaft Berlin AG (the "Bank") with respect to the shares of Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share (the "Common Stock"), of the Aberdeen Australia Equity Fund Inc. (the "Fund"). It is being filed to correct a mistake in the Statement on Schedule 13D filed by the Bank on October 31, 2002 regarding the number of shares of Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share, of the Fund (the "Common Stock") beneficially owned by the Bank, and to report the acquisition of additional shares of Common Stock by the Bank.

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ITEM 3. SOURCE AND AMOUNT OF FUNDS OR OTHER CONSIDERATION

The source of the funds used by the Bank to purchase shares of Common Stock listed in Item 5(c) was working capital. The amount of the funds used to purchase such shares aggregated approximately \$27,596,039.20 (exclusive of commissions).

ITEM 5. INTEREST IN SECURITIES OF THE ISSUER

(a) According to the Semi-annual Report dated July 12, 2002, as of April 30, 2002, there were 17,107,898 shares of Common Stock outstanding. The percentage set forth in this Item 5(a) was derived using such number. The Bank is the beneficial owner of 5,367,749 shares of Common Stock, which constitute approximately 31.4% of the outstanding shares of Common Stock.

(b) The Bank has sole power to vote and to dispose of the shares of Common Stock owned by it.

(c) During the last sixty days, the Bank has effected the following sales and purchases in the shares of Common Stock through the purchase from Mira described in Items 3 and 4 above.

| Date ---- | Number of Shares ----- | Price Per Share ----- |
|------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| October 22, 2002 | 5,348,149 | \$5.1436 |
| November 1, 2002 | 15,000 | \$5.82 |

(d) No person other than the Bank has the right to receive or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or the proceeds from the sale of, the shares of Common Stock owned by the Bank.

(e) Inapplicable.

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SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of our knowledge and belief, we certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: November 5, 2002

BANKGESELLSCHAFT BERLIN AG

By: /s/ Moritz Sell

Name: Moritz Sell

Title: Co-Head Equities Trading, London

By: /s/ Dirk Kipp

Name: Dirk Kipp

Title: Managing Director

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