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FORM 6-K
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Issuer
Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16
under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of August 2003

Commission File Number 001-11005

ARACRUZ CELLULOSE S.A.

(Translation of Registrant's name into English)

Rua Lauro Muller 116-21(degree) Andar, Botafogo Rio de Janeiro, 22299-900 Brazil (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.

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Yes No X

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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 authorized.

ARACRUZ CELULOSE S.A. (Registrant)

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Date: August 12, 2003 By: /s/ Carlos Augusto Lira Aguiar

Name: Carlos Augusto Lira Aguiar Title: Chief Executive Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

99.1 Consolidated Second Quarter 2003 Results stated in U.S. dollars according to U.S. GAAP.

99.2 Press Release announcing the closing of a \$400 million export

receivables security financing transaction.