# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

# FORM 8-K

## **CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (date of earliest event reported): March 24, 2004

# SCHLUMBERGER N.V. (SCHLUMBERGER LIMITED)

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Netherlands Antilles (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 1-4601 (Commission File Number) 52-0684746 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

153 East 53<sup>rd</sup> Street, 57<sup>th</sup> Floor New York, New York

10022-4624

42, rue Saint-Dominique Paris, France

75007

Parkstraat 83,
The Hague,
The Netherlands
(Addresses of principal executive offices)

2514 JG (Zip or Postal Codes)

Registrant's telephone number in the United States, including area code: (212) 350-9400

# Item 5. Other Events.

The information included in the press release filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K is incorporated by reference herein.

# Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated March 24, 2004

## SIGNATURE

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 hereunto duly authorized.

SCHLUMBERGER N.V. (SCHLUMBERGER LIMITED)

By: /s/ Frank A. Sorgie

Frank A. Sorgie Chief Accounting Officer

Date: March 24, 2004



#### Schlumberger Updates Plans for Initial Public Offering of Axalto Common Stock

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PARIS, March 24th, 2004 — Schlumberger Limited announced today that a prospectus ("Document de Base") has been registered with the French "Autorité des Marchés Financiers", in connection with the proposed initial public offering (IPO) of the common stock of Axalto, its wholly-owned smart card subsidiary. The company expects to proceed with an offer of a majority of the shares of Axalto as and when market conditions permit.

On September 22, 2003, Schlumberger Smart Cards & Terminals changed its name to Axalto to bring more visibility and reinforce its image as a leading smart card player.

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#### **About Schlumberger**

Schlumberger is the world's leading oilfield services company supplying technology, project management and information solutions that optimize performance for customers working in the oil and gas industry. The company employs more than 50,000 people of over 140 nationalities working in 100 countries. In 2003, Schlumberger operating revenue was \$11.5 billion. For more information, visit www.slb.com.

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#### **Notes:**

The French "Autorité des Marchés Financiers" draws the public's attention to the fact that Axalto Holdings N.V. is a company incorporated in The Netherlands applying for the listing of its shares in France. The applicable regulations concerning public information, investor protection, and the company's undertakings to the regulatory authorities and the markets are described in the "document de base".

This announcement is not an offer of securities for sale in France or elsewhere. It does not constitute an "appel publique à l'épargne" in France. Any listing on a regulated market, and any offering to the public in France, will be subject to the publication of a "note d'opération" that has received a "visa" from the French "Autorité des Marchés Financiers"

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