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FORM 6-K

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

Special Report of Foreign Issuer

Pursuant to Rule 13a - 16 or 15d - 16 of The Securities and Exchange Act of 1934

For the date of April 24, 2003

SIGNET GROUP plc

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

Zenith House The Hyde London NW9 6EW England

(Address of principal executive office)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover Form 20-F or Form 40F.

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Yes No X

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Intended Retirement of Director

Lee Abraham, who is a non-executive director and serves on the Remuneration and Audit Committees, has indicated his intention to retire as a director on 31 December 2003. He joined the Board on 5 December 1994.

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Signet operated 1,660 speciality retail jewellery stores at 1 February 2003; these included 1,050 stores in the US, where the Group trades as "Kay Jewelers", "Jared The Galleria Of Jewelry" and under a number of regional names. At that date Signet operated 610 stores in the UK, where the Group trades as "H.Samuel", "Ernest Jones" and "Leslie Davis". Further information on Signet is available at www.signetgroupplc.com

END

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.

SIGNET GROUP plc

By: <u>/s/</u> Walker Boyd

Name: Walker Boyd

Title: Group Finance Director

Date: April 24, 2003