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PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 OF
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Report on Form 6-K dated November 17, 2004

Commission File No. 0-28578

DASSAULT SYSTEMES S.A.
(Name of Registrant)

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ENCLOSURES:

Dassault Systemes S.A. is furnishing under cover of Form 6-K a press release dated November 17, 2004, announcing that
Microsoft and Dassault Systemes have formed a strategic alliance. Customers will benefit from DS 3D collaborative solutions and
PLM taking advantage of the Microsoft Platform.

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The companies will also explore opportunities to work toward delivering fully integrated products in the field of automation. Through its DELMIA Automation product line, Dassault Systèmes enables companies to digitally define, control, and monitor the automated systems that control the factory floor.

A rebroadcast of the press conference to be held in Paris today will be available for viewing on Dassault Systèmes web site *as of Thursday, Nov. 18, at 1pm Paris time (Central European Time).*

About Dassault Systèmes
As world leader in PLM (Product Lifecycle Management) solutions, the Dassault Systèmes group brings value to more than 70,000 customers in 80 countries. A pioneer in the 3D software market since 1981, Dassault Systèmes develops and markets PLM application software and services that

support industrial processes and provide a 3D vision of the entire life cycle of products from conception to maintenance. Its offering includes integrated PLM solutions for product development (CATIA®, DELMIA®, ENOVIA®, SMARTEAM®), mainstream product design tools (SolidWorks®), and 3D components (ACIS®) from Spatial Corp. Dassault Systèmes is listed on the Nasdaq (DASTY) and Euronext Paris (#13065, DSY.PA) stock exchanges. For more information, visit http://www.3ds.com.

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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.

DASSAULT SYSTEMES S.A.

Date: November 17, 2004

By: /s/ Thibault de Tersant
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            Finance and Administration