

COMMERCE GROUP INC /MA

Form 8-K

May 30, 2008

UNITED STATES

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)

**May 30, 2008**

**THE COMMERCE GROUP, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Massachusetts**      **001-13672**      **04-2599931**  
(State or other      (Commission File      (IRS Employer  
jurisdiction      Number)      Identification  
of incorporation)      No.)

**211 Main Street, Webster, Massachusetts 01570**  
(Address of principal executive offices)      (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(508) 943-9000**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2 below):

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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**Section 8. Other Events**

**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On May 30, 2008, Mapfre, S.A. ("Mapfre") and its Ultimate Controlling Person, Fundacion Mapfre, received the final regulatory approval to acquire control of the various insurance subsidiaries of The Commerce Group, Inc.

The Mapfre acquisition has now been approved by regulators in the states of California, Massachusetts, New York and Ohio, where the Commerce Group's insurance subsidiaries are variously domiciled.

The acquisition is scheduled to close within five business days.

Forward-Looking Statements

It should be noted that this release might contain certain statements that may be considered forward-looking statements. The Commerce Group, Inc. refers you to its March 31, 2008 Form 10-Q filed May 12, 2008 and its 2007 Form 10-K filed February 29, 2008 for a description of the Company's business environment and important other factors that may affect its business, including its language regarding forward-looking statements.

**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.

**THE COMMERCE GROUP, INC.**  
**May 30, 2008**

/s/ Randall V. Becker  
Randall V. Becker  
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer