

HANOVER INSURANCE GROUP, INC.  
Form 8-K  
August 31, 2006

**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): August 31, 2006

**THE HANOVER INSURANCE GROUP, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

1-13754  
(Commission File Number)

04-3263626  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**440 Lincoln Street, Worcester, Massachusetts 01653**

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (508) 855-1000

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

**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On August 31, 2006, The Hanover Insurance Group, Inc. (the Company) sold all of the outstanding shares of Financial Profiles, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary, to Emerging Information Systems Incorporated. Financial Profiles, a developer and distributor of financial planning software, was originally acquired by the Company in 1998 in connection with the Company's then-ongoing life insurance and annuity operations. The Company received pre-tax proceeds of \$21.5 million from the transaction and will recognize an after-tax gain from the transaction, under generally accepted accounting principles, of approximately \$8 million during the third quarter of 2006.

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 hereunto duly authorized.

The Hanover Insurance Group, Inc.

(Registrant)

Date: August 31, 2006

By: /s/ Edward J. Parry III  
Edward J. Parry III  
Chief Financial Officer, Executive Vice President,  
Principal Accounting Officer and Director