
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): February 11, 2002

The Interpublic Group of Companies, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware

1-6686

13-1024020

(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

(Commission File
Number)

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

1271 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York

10020

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 212-399-8000

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Item 5. Other Events.

On February 11, 2002, The Interpublic Group of Companies, Inc. issued a press release, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits

Exhibits.

Exhibit 99.1: Press Release of The Interpublic Group of Companies, Inc., dated February 11, 2002, announcing the resignation of four employees from its Board of Directors and the addition of Michael Roth as a new member to its Board of Directors.

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 INTERPUBLIC GROUP OF
COMPANIES, INC.

Date: February 12, 2002

By: /s/ Nicholas J. Camera

Nicholas J. Camera
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, GENERAL
COUNSEL AND SECRETARY

THE INTERPUBLIC GROUP OF COMPANIES

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
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INTERPUBLIC MOVES TOWARD INDEPENDENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The MONY Group CEO, Michael Roth, To Join Board;
David Bell, Jim Heekin, Frank Lowe and Brendan Ryan To Step Down

NEW YORK, NY (February 11, 2002) - In recognition of corporate governance "best practices," The Interpublic Group of Companies (NYSE:IPG) announced today that four of its executives would be leaving the company's Board of Directors. Concurrently, Interpublic announced that it was adding Michael I. Roth, a prominent leader from the financial services industry to the Board. All of these moves will take effect immediately.

"The interests of Interpublic shareholders will be best served by a Board that is primarily made up of independent, outside Directors," said John Dooner, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. "I want to thank David Bell, Jim Heekin, Frank Lowe and Brendan Ryan, not only for their able service to the Board, but for the continued contributions I know they will all make to the IPG companies they head. Their selfless decision to step down at this time will result in a Board whose composition is now consistent with that of other leading public companies."

Mr. Dooner added that, "I am very excited that Michael Roth will be coming onto our Board. His leadership has successfully transformed and invigorated The MONY Group. He also played an important role at Primerica Corporation as its Chief Financial Officer. As important, he's widely known as a business person with the highest professional and ethical standards. His presence on the Board will be of great value to us in ensuring strong governance in the financial area, as well as in the broader management of our companies."

Going forward, the Interpublic Board of Directors will be made up of Mr. Dooner and Sean Orr, the company's Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, as well as seven independent outside Directors. They are: Frank J. Borelli, former CFO of Marsh&McLennan, Inc., Reginald K. Brack, former Chairman and CEO of Time Inc., Jill M. Considine, Chairman and CEO of The Depository Trust & Clearing Company, Richard Goldstein, Chairman and CEO of International Flavors and Fragrances, Inc., H. John Greeniaus, former Chairman and CEO of Nabisco, Inc., Michael I. Roth and J. Phillip Samper, Managing Director at Gabriel Venture Partners.

The Interpublic Group of Companies is among the world's largest advertising and marketing services organizations. Its four global operating groups are the McCann-Erickson World Group, The Partnership, FCB Group and Advanced Marketing Services. Major brands include Draft Worldwide, Deutsch, Foote Cone & Belding Worldwide, Golin/Harris International, Initiative Media, Lowe & Partners Worldwide, McCann-Erickson, Octagon, Universal Media and Weber Shandwick.

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