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): July 23, 1998

The Interpublic Group of Companies, Inc. (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware (State or other Jurisdiction of incorporation) 1-6686 (Commission File Number) 13-1024020 (IRS Employer

Identification Number)

1271 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

10020 (Zip Code)

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

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

Item 9. Sales of Equity Securities Pursuant to Regulation S.

On July 23, 1998, The Interpublic Group of Companies, Inc. ("Interpublic") sold 45,986 shares of its common stock, par value \$.10 (the "Shares"), to two (2) non-U.S. entities and two non-U.S. individuals as a partial payment valued at US\$ 2,714,357 out of a total payment of US\$ 3,877,654 for 75% of the issued shares of capital stock of Interfocus Group Ltd., a English company. Additional purchase price installments will be made over the next four years.

No underwriter or placement agent was used in connection with the sale of the Shares.

The transaction was effected in an "offshore transaction" and in accordance with the "offering restrictions" and "no directed selling efforts" requirements of Rule 903(c)(2) of Regulation S under the Securities Act of 1933.

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: August 5, 1998

By: NICHOLAS J. CAMERA

VICE PRESIDENT, GENERAL COUNSEL

AND SECRETARY