

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): October 17, 2005

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.)

1114 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York

10036

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 212-704-1200

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

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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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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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Item 8.01 Other Events.

On October 17, 2005, The Interpublic Group of Companies, Inc. issued a press release announcing that it is planning a private offering of cumulative convertible perpetual preferred stock. A copy of that press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this report and incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

Exhibit 99.1 Press release, dated October 17, 2005 (filed pursuant to Item 8.01).

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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 hereunto duly authorized.

THE INTERPUBLIC GROUP OF COMPANIES, INC.

Date: October 17, 2005

By: /s/ Nicholas J. Camera
Nicholas J. Camera
Senior Vice President, General Counsel
and Secretary

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

INTERPUBLIC ANNOUNCES PLANNED PRIVATE OFFERING

New York, NY (October 17, 2005) – The Interpublic Group (NYSE: IPG) today announced that it is planning a private offering of cumulative convertible perpetual preferred stock (the “Shares”) to qualified institutional buyers. The expected gross proceeds will be \$500,000,000, plus up to an additional \$75,000,000 if an overallotment option in connection with the offering is exercised. Interpublic intends to use the net proceeds from the offering for general corporate purposes.

Neither the Shares nor the underlying shares of common stock have been registered under the Securities Act of 1933 or any state securities laws, and Interpublic does not currently intend to pursue any such registration. The Shares and the underlying shares of common stock may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration under, or an applicable exemption from, the registration requirements of the Securities Act of 1933 and applicable state securities laws.

This announcement does not constitute an offer to sell, or the solicitation of an offer to buy, any securities and shall not constitute an offer, solicitation or sale in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful.

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