

CIT GROUP INC
Form 8-K
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**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

February 28, 2006

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

CIT GROUP INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

001-31369

65-1051192

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**1211 Avenue of the Americas
New York, New York 10036**

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(212) 536-1211

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(Former name or address, if changed since last report)

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

Item 8.01 Other Events

On February 28, 2006 CIT Group Inc. (CIT) made available to investors a pricing supplement, dated February 28, 2006, a prospectus supplement, dated January 19, 2006 and a prospectus, dated January 20, 2006, with respect to the issuance of \$500,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 5.40% Senior Notes due March 7, 2013 (the notes) pursuant to an indenture, dated as of January 20, 2006, between CIT and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Trustee, which CIT filed as an exhibit to its shelf registration statement filed with the SEC (File No. 333-131159) on January 20, 2006.

In connection with the issuance of the notes, Shearman & Sterling LLP, counsel to CIT, has delivered an opinion to CIT, dated February 28, 2006, regarding the legality of the notes upon issuance and sale thereof on March 7, 2006. A copy of the opinion as to legality is attached as Exhibit 5.1 hereto.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

The following exhibits are filed or furnished herewith:

5.1 Opinion of Shearman & Sterling LLP

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**Exhibit
Number**

Description

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Opinion of Shearman & Sterling LLP

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