

COVALENT GROUP INC  
Form 8-K  
October 20, 2006

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**WASHINGTON, DC 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 19, 2006

**Covalent Group, Inc.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**0-21145**  
(Commission File Number)

**56-1668867**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**One Glenhardie Corporate Center, 1275**

**Drummers Lane, Suite 100, Wayne, PA**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**19087**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (610) 975-9533

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(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 (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

.. 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 2.02. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION.**

On October 19, 2006, Covalent Group, Inc. ( Covalent ) issued a press release announcing that it was reiterating its previously issued operating profitability guidance for the quarter ended September 30, 2006 and that it expected to report net revenues in the range of \$3.6 - \$3.7 million and net income in the range of \$625,000 - \$675,000 when its final third quarter financial results are released in early November. These numbers are subject to review by the Company s independent auditors.

A copy of Covalent s press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

The information in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including the exhibit hereto, is being furnished and shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act ), nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

**ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.**

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 - Press release dated October 19, 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.

COVALENT GROUP, INC.

Date: October 20, 2006

By: /s/ Lawrence R. Hoffman

Name: Lawrence R. Hoffman

Title: Executive Vice President, General Counsel, Secretary  
and Chief Financial Officer

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**EXHIBIT**

<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>DOCUMENT</b>
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