AMERUS GROUP CO/IA Form 8-K July 07, 2006

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: July 7, 2006)

AMERUS GROUP CO.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

IOWA 001-15166 42-1458424

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

699 WALNUT STREET DES MOINES, IOWA 50309-3948

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (515) 362-3600

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:

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

ITEM 7.01. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

On July 7, 2006, AmerUs Group Co. (the Company) issued the press release attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K, which the Company is furnishing under this Item 7.01 as Exhibit 99.1.

ITEM 9.01 (c). EXHIBITS

99.1 Press Release dated July 7, 2006 (furnished pursuant to Item 7.01).

SIGNATURE

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.

AMERUS GROUP CO.

By: /s/ Christopher J. Littlefield Christopher J. Littlefield Executive Vice President & General Counsel

Dated: July 7, 2006

EXHIBITS

Exhibit No. Description

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