

CIT GROUP INC  
Form 8-K  
March 27, 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**

**March 27, 2006**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

**CIT GROUP INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

**001-31369**

(Commission File Number)

**65-1051192**

(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)

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):

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- £ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - £ 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 March 20, 2006 CIT Group Inc. ( CIT ) made available to investors a pricing supplement, dated March 20, 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 6.000% Senior Notes due April 1, 2036 (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 March 20, 2006, regarding the legality of the notes upon issuance and sale thereof on March 27, 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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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, CIT Group Inc. has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

CIT GROUP INC.

Dated: March 27, 2006

By: /s/ Glenn A. Votek  
Name: Glenn A. Votek  
Title: Executive Vice President and Treasurer

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit

Number

Description

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