

AMERUS GROUP CO/IA  
Form 8-K  
October 19, 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: October 19, 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

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- 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 7.01. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

On October 19, 2006, AmerUs Group Co. (the Company ) announced in a press release that its shareholders approved the agreement and plan of merger with Aviva plc entered into on July 12, 2006 ( Merger Agreement ), with nearly 98 percent of shareholders who voted approving the merger. A copy of such press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

The results of the shareholder vote are as follows:

Number of Votes for Merger Agreement: 27,393,473

Number of Votes Against Merger Agreement: 527,028

Number of Votes Abstaining: 170,069

ITEM 9.01 (c). EXHIBITS

99.1 Press Release dated October 19, 2006 (furnished pursuant to Item 7.01).

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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 and General  
Counsel

Dated: October 19, 2006

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EXHIBITS

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