INTERPUBLIC GROUP OF COMPANIES, INC. Form 8-K January 22, 2010

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): January 21, 2010

The Interpublic Group of Companies, Inc. (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware 1-6686 13-1024020
(State or Other Jurisdiction (Commission File (IRS Employer of Incorporation) Number) Identification No.)

1114 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 212-704-1200

(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:

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

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))

- Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.
- (b) On January 21, 2010, the Interpublic Group of Companies, Inc. issued a press release, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1, announcing that Nick Brien has been designated to succeed John Dooner as Chief Executive Officer of McCann Worldgroup. The move will become effective April 1, 2010. Mr. Dooner will stay on as Chairman of McCann Worldgroup through 2010.

Item 9.01

Financial Statements and Exhibitis.

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1

Press Release dated January 21, 2010 (filed pursuant to Item 5.02)

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.

THE INTERPUBLIC GROUP OF COMPANIES, INC.

Date: January 22, 2010 By: /s/ Nicholas J. Camera

Nicholas J. Camera

Senior Vice President, General Counsel and

Secretary

Cautionary Statement

This report contains forward-looking statements. Statements in this report that are not historical facts, including statements about management's beliefs and expectations, constitute forward-looking statements. These statements are based on current plans, estimates and projections, and are subject to change based on a number of factors, including those outlined under Item 1A, Risk Factors, in our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made, and we undertake no obligation to update publicly any of them in light of new information or future events.

Forward-looking statements involve inherent risks and uncertainties. A number of important factors could cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statement. Such factors include, but are not limited to, the following:

- potential effects of a challenging economy, for example on the demand for our advertising and marketing services, on our clients' financial condition and on our business or financial condition;
 - our ability to attract new clients and retain existing clients;
 - our ability to retain and attract key employees;
- risks associated with assumptions we make in connection with our critical accounting estimates, including changes in assumptions associated with any effects of a weakened economy;
- potential adverse effects if we are required to recognize impairment charges or other adverse accounting-related developments;
- risks associated with the effects of global, national and regional economic and political conditions, including counterparty risks and fluctuations in economic growth rates, interest rates and currency exchange rates; and
- developments from changes in the regulatory and legal environment for advertising and marketing and communications services companies around the world.

Investors should carefully consider these factors and the additional risk factors outlined in more detail in our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K under Item 1A, Risk Factors.