

HANOVER INSURANCE GROUP, INC.  
Form 8-K  
September 18, 2007

**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): September 17, 2007

**THE HANOVER INSURANCE GROUP, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

1-13754  
(Commission File Number)

04-3263626  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**440 Lincoln Street, Worcester, Massachusetts 01653**

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (508) 855-1000

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

**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.**

On September 17, 2007, John J. Leahy resigned his positions as Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Principal Financial/Accounting Officer and Assistant Treasurer of The Hanover Insurance Group, Inc. (the Company).

On September 17, 2007, the Company's board of directors appointed Frederick H. Eppinger acting Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer) and Warren E. Barnes acting Principal Accounting Officer.

Mr. Eppinger, 48, has been a director and the Chief Executive Officer and President of the Company since 2003. Prior to joining the Company, Mr. Eppinger was Executive Vice President of Property and Casualty Field and Service Operations for The Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc. From 2000 to 2001, he was Senior Vice President of Strategic Marketing for ChannelPoint, Inc., which specialized in business-to-business technology for insurance and financial service companies. Prior to that, he was a partner in the financial institutions group at McKinsey & Company, an international management consulting firm, which he joined in 1985. Mr. Eppinger began his career as a certified public accountant with the accounting firm then known as Coopers & Lybrand. Mr. Eppinger is a director of Centene Corporation, a publicly-traded multi-line healthcare company.

Mr. Barnes, 46, joined the Company in 1993 and has been Vice President and Corporate Controller since 1997.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

- (a) Not applicable.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) Not applicable.
- (d) Exhibits

The following exhibits are furnished herewith:

Exhibit 99.1      Press release dated September 18, 2007

**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 Hanover Insurance Group, Inc.

(Registrant)

Date: September 18, 2007

By: /s/ J. Kendall Huber  
J. Kendall Huber  
Senior Vice President, General  
Counsel and Asst. Secretary

**Exhibit Index**

Exhibit 99.1 Press release dated September 18, 2007