

AMERUS GROUP CO/IA  
Form 8-K  
September 15, 2005

**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 9, 2005)

**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 2.03. CREATION OF A DIRECT FINANCIAL OBLIGATION OR AN OBLIGATION UNDER AN OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENT OF A REGISTRANT.

On September 9, 2005, AmerUs Group Co. ( Company ) borrowed \$125 million on its \$200 million credit facility ( Borrowing ). The Borrowing was incurred under the Company s Credit Agreement among AmerUs Group Co., Various Lending Institutions, The Bank of New York, Bank One, NA, Fleet National Bank and Mellon Bank, N.A. as Co-Syndication Agents and JPMorgan Chase Bank as Administrative Agent, dated as of December 8, 2003 ( Facility ) filed as Exhibit 10.29 to the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003. The terms and conditions of the Borrowing and its repayment are described in the Facility, which is incorporated herein by reference. The Company s obligation to repay the Borrowing may be accelerated in certain circumstances described in the Facility.

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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/ Melinda S. Urion  
Melinda S. Urion  
Executive Vice President  
Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

Dated: September 15, 2005