

AMERUS GROUP CO/IA  
Form 8-K  
August 10, 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) August 10, 2006 (August 10, 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

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))
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**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On August 10, 2006, AmerUs Group Co. (the Company ) sent a notice of redemption to the holders of its Series A Non-Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock. A copy of the press release announcing the call for redemption is attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K, which the Company is filing under this Item 8.01, as Exhibit 99.1.

**ITEM 9.01 (d). EXHIBITS**

99.1 Press Release, dated August 10, 2006.

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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 Urion  
Melinda Urion  
Executive Vice President, Chief  
Financial Officer & Treasurer

Dated: August 10, 2006

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EXHIBITS

| Exhibit No. | Description                           |
|-------------|---------------------------------------|
| 99.1        | Press Release, dated August 10, 2006. |