COVALENT GROUP INC Form 8-K May 16, 2006

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 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): May 15, 2006

Covalent Group, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction 0-21145 (Commission File Number) 56-1668867 (IRS Employer

of Incorporation)

Identification No.)

One Glenhardie Corporate Center, 1275 Drummers Lane, Suite 100, Wayne, PA (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

19087 (Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (610) 975-9533

(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 (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

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

ITEM 2.02. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION.

On May 15, 2006, Covalent Group, Inc. (Covalent) issued a press release announcing Covalent s financial results for its first fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2006.

A copy of Covalent s press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

The information in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including the exhibit hereto, is being furnished and shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

- (d) Exhibits.
- 99.1 Press release dated May 15, 2006.

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.

COVALENT GROUP, INC.

Date: May 15, 2006

By: /s/ Lawrence R. Hoffman
Name: Lawrence R. Hoffman
Title: Executive Vice President,
General Counsel, Secretary and
Chief Financial Officer

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