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): October 20, 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 19087

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (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):

- " 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 8.01. Other Events.

This Current Report on Form 8-K is being filed solely for the purpose of providing the press release issued by Covalent Group, Inc. on October 20, 2006, a copy of which is included herewith as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits. The following exhibit is filed with this Current Report on Form 8-K:

No. Description

99.1 Press release dated October 20, 2006.

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.

COVALENT GROUP, INC.

Dated: October 20, 2006 By: /s/ Lawrence R. Hoffman

Name: Lawrence R. Hoffman

Title: Executive Vice President, General Counsel, Secretary and Chief

Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

The following exhibit is filed as part of this Current Report on Form 8-K:

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^{*} Filed electronically herewith.