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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 16, 2005

COVALENT GROUP, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 0-21145 56-1668867

(State or other jurisdiction of (Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer incorporation Identification No.)

One Glenhardie Corporate Center 1275 Drummers Lane Suite 100 Wayne, PA 19087

(Address of principal executive offices/Zip Code)

(610) 975-9533

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

Not Applicable

(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)
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- [] 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 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On May 16, 2005, Covalent Group, Inc. ("Covalent") issued a press release announcing Covalent's financial results for its first fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2005.

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 Exhibits

Date: May 16, 2005

(c) Exhibits.

99.1 - Press release dated May 16, 2005.

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.

By: /s/ Lawrence R. Hoffman

Name: Lawrence R. Hoffman

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

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number Document

99.1 Covalent Group, Inc. Press release dated May 16, 2005.